Military going for the kill vs Abu Sayyaf

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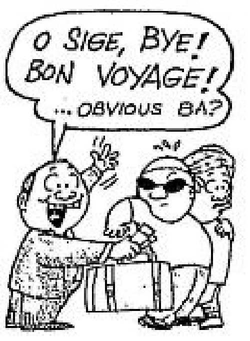
O SIGE, BYE! BON VOYAGE! ...OBVIOUS BA?

BY TONETTE OREJAS
PDI Central Luzon Desk

ANGELES CITY—Businessmen have found a novel—and desperate way to get rid of members of the Abu Sayyaf: Give them free one-way tickets to Afghanistan.

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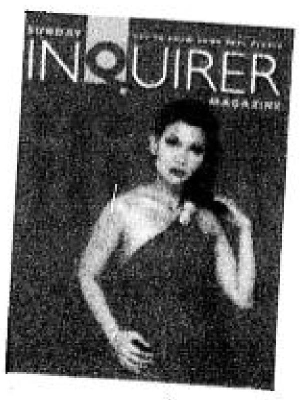

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US: Air strikes working

On 7th day, there are reports of Taliban commanders' defections

WASHINGTON—The United States stepped up its campaign to rattle Afghanistan's Taliban rulers as US warplanes and missiles pounded Kabul and Kandahar for the seventh straight day.

"We are getting reports that show we're clearly having a significant impact on the Taliban," US Vice President Dick Cheney told PBS television.

"There are reports now of defections, of areas of Afghanistan that are pulling away from the central Taliban government," he added.

According to an Iranian newspaper, a commander for Afghanistan's Northern Alliance claimed that 4,000 Taliban fighters joined his forces two days ago.

General Shafi also told the Ghods daily on Friday that Gen. Abdul Rasheed Dostam of Uzbekistan placed the Taliban fighters under the control of ousted Afghanistan President Burhanuddin Rabbani's government.

"On Friday, another 150 Taliban, 50 of them armed, surrendered to General Dostam's forces," Shafi told the newspaper.

He said the top Taliban commanders who surrendered would soon hold a news conference "in order to expose many of the problems the Taliban are experiencing."

The Taliban militia, however, has been scoffing at reports of mass defections to the Northern Alliance, the main armed opposition group in Afghanistan.

US President George W. Bush of-

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DO OLD Afghan men still see visions? On a street in Bagram, in northern Afghanistan, about 30 km from heavily-bombarded Kabul, the Afghanistan capital, the question may have become irrelevant.

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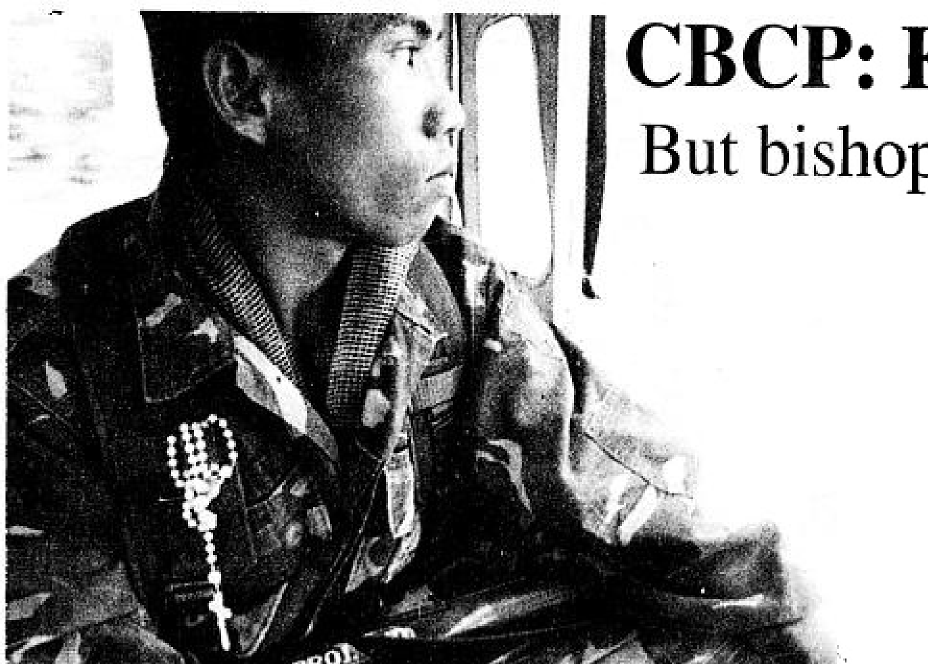

WHAT's next? This soldier of the 103rd Brigade in Tabuk, Isabela, Basilan, cannot know. He's only sure of his devotion to Our Lady of the Rosary and that it is enough to protect him.

VAL HANDUMON

CBCP: Killing of civilians immoral

But bishops support global war on terrorism

BY NORMAN BORDADORA

THE CATHOLIC Bishops Conference of the Philippines has endorsed the global and local campaign against terrorism but stressed that directly targeting innocent people would be "gravely immoral."

In a statement sent from Rome, Archbishop Orlando Quevedo, CBCP president, said that the use of military force to bring terrorists to justice should be "the means of last resort," and that the killing of civilians in the course of the anti-terrorism campaign remained "undesirable."

Quevedo joined Pope John Paul II and 250 other bishops in Rome on Oct. 11, the first-month anniversary of the attacks in the United States, in a day of prayer for world peace.

In Cagayan de Oro City, Archbishop Jesus Tuquib yesterday told some 2,000 Catholics attending a "Mass for Peace" that historically, war had never solved any conflict.

"We are at the doors of war, but we cannot allow this to go on because this will not solve our problems. We are urging the nations to find solutions that will not involve violence," Tuquib said.

Other Masses for Peace were celebrated simultaneously in the provinces of Camiguin and Misamis Oriental.

Msgr. Elmer Abacahin told the INQUIRER that parishioners would also hold prayer vigils, and that another Mass for Peace would be held at the end of the month.

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WAR without borders

NBC News employee in NY 4th anthrax case

WASHINGTON—From New York to California, Americans streamed into emergency rooms following reports on Friday that a female NBC news employee in New York was infected with anthrax.

Reports about the fourth anthrax exposure frayed already jittery nerves, coming a day after the Federal Bureau of Investigation warned Americans at home and abroad that there could be further attacks in retaliation for the US bombing of Afghanistan.

Emergency rooms reported a higher number of patients were seeking for anthrax tests or requesting antibiotics. News organizations across the country tightened mailroom security. And the postmaster general advised everyone to watch for suspicious letters and packages.

President George W. Bush said the government was doing all it could to protect the public.

"The American people need to go about their lives. We cannot let terrorists lock our country down," Bush said, addressing the anthrax case at a White House event celebrating Hispanic heritage.

"They will not take this country down."

In his weekly radio address yesterday, Bush said he knew that many Americans were anxious about the threat of more terrorist attacks. But he said people should be assured that "the country is alert and the great power of the American nation will be felt."

He said the United States was "taking the war to the enemy and we are strengthening our defenses here at home."

Other government officials sought to allay the public's fears by stressing that the infection in New York was an isolated case. They said there was no cause for alarm and that there was no known link to terrorism.

But Vice President Dick Cheney took a different view. He said there could be links between the anthrax cases and Osama bin Laden.

Cheney said that although there was not enough evidence to positively pin down a connection to Bin Laden, Cheney said the cases of anthrax in Florida and New York were "suspicious."

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The private who became general

BY CARLITO PABLO

PREJIDO; Salute to meritocracy

FROM private, the lowest rank in the Army, Santiago Prejido is now a general. The much-awarded Prejido is the first private in the Armed Forces of the Philippines to rise to star-rank.

His 35 years in the military began when he enlisted and volunteered to join the 1st Philippine Civic Action Group bound for Vietnam.

It was the mid-60s when then President Diosdado Macapagal advocated the sending of a contingent of military engineers to help the United States win the war in Vietnam. But Congress disapproved. When Ferdinand Marcos became president in 1966, he won congressional approval for the Macapagal initiative though he

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'QUEENMAKER'

PDI founder takes Washington

BY JENNIE L. ILUSTRE
Correspondent

WASHINGTON—The International Center for Journalists (ICFJ) has honored Eugenia D. Apostol, founding chair of the Philippine Daily Inquirer, for her role in galvanizing the 1986 and 2001 "people power" uprisings in her country.

Apostol received the Knight International Press Fellowship Lifetime Achievement Award—the first to be thus honored—in a ceremony held Oct. 9 at the Westin Fairfax Hotel here.

She was one of four journalists cited by the ICFJ for their "courage and commitment" in "uphold(ing) the highest professional standards in the face of often difficult and dangerous circumstances."

In her brief, widely applauded speech, Apostol said she accepted her first and probably last international award not only humbly but also joyfully.

"I can imagine the quandary of the ICFJ,"

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BING CARDENAS BRANIGIN

THE LEGENDARY former editor of the Washington Post, Ben Bradlee, takes on lifetime achiever awardee, Eggie Apostol, at award rites.

TOTOO NA YAN, HA?

Military going for the kill vs Abu

BY PHILIP TUBEZA

THE MILITARY will be delivering "within the next 15 days" a decisive blow that may yet spell the end of the Abu Sayyaf terrorist group, National Security Adviser Roilo Golez said yesterday.

"We are seeing the start of the end. Let's pray that it will be quick," said Golez at the Sulo Hotel press forum yesterday.

Golez said the Abu Sayyaf, who are holding 14 American and Filipino hostages, have suffered severe setbacks in the past two weeks, losing many of its members in battle. Others have surrendered to government forces.

"Let's watch what is going to happen in the next 15 days. The military is looking for a decisive confrontation," he said.

Closing in

In recent weeks, government forces have begun closing in on the main Abu Sayyaf group, killing 21 of them. Four hostages managed to escape during the fighting.

Military officials in Basilan said yesterday troops hunting the bandit group found the guerrillas' cache of bombs.

The devices, made up of electronic timers and fertilizer chemicals, were found in Lantawan town in the south of Basilan on Friday, Col. Hermogenes Esperon said.

The discovery indicated that the Abu Sayyaf were behind the bombing of two hotels in Zamboanga City recently in an apparent attempt to divert troops closing in on the rebels in Basilan.

Lt. Gen. Roy Cimatu, head of the Southern Command, said the Abu Sayyaf were also planning to bomb Isabela, the provincial capital, to try to throw the military off their trail.

Bin Laden links

The Abu Sayyaf are believed to have links with Osama bin Laden, the main suspect in the Sept. 11 terror attacks on the United States.

They are still holding American missionary couple Martin and Gracia Burnham and 12 Filipinos they seized in a new kidnapping spree that began in May.

Golez said the US might soon provide the Philippines with materiel and equipment to help go after the Abu Sayyaf.

The nature of the US support would be determined after the visit of US military experts to the country.

He said, however, the Philippines was not demanding a quid pro quo from the US in return for its all-out support for the US war against terrorism.

'Moral obligation'

"This is our moral obligation as victims of terrorists," he said Golez also advised Filipinos to "go on with their lives" and not cower in fear of the terrorists.

"Continue going to the movies or strolling in Luneta," Golez said, adding that local intelligence agencies have yet to receive a "specific terrorist threat."

"There are no specific threats. But of course, we have doubled the security, particularly in vital installations," he added.

Earlier reports said the Abu Sayyaf might conduct attacks in the capital, particularly in the Makati financial district.

The opposition, meanwhile, said it wants to have more say in how the government conducts its assistance to the US-led war against terrorism and in drafting of contingency measures to be adopted in the wake of the outbreak of hostilities in Afghanistan.

Senate Minority Floor Leader Aquilino Pimentel Jr. said the opposition has military and police experts among its ranks, like Senators Panfilo Lacson, Rodolfo Biazon and Gregorio Honasan.

"Honasan was a combat officer," Pimentel said.

"I was a corporal in the ROTC," he added in jest.

He asked the President to convene the National Security Council to get the views of national leaders, including the opposition.

He said the NSC was last convened in September before the launching of air strikes against Afghanistan.

"Now that the war is raging, it is imperative that we must have doable contingency plans in place. We should not face the music when it's already playing," the opposition senator said.

He said the President was right to call for a National Economic Summit, but this should be followed by the convening of the NSC. *With reports from Armand Nocum and AFP*

Bandits abduct 4 farmers, behead 1

BY JULIE S. ALIPALA-INOT
PDI Mindanao Bureau

ISABELA CITY—Abu Sayyaf bandits yesterday abducted four farmers in Lantawan town and beheaded one of them, according to the town mayor.

The captives were identified as Isabelo Adlawan, 39; Fernando Romeo, 16; Expedito Buenbrazo, 46; and Dalmacio Romeo, 45; all of Barangay Matarling, Lantawan; who were taken around 10 a.m. in Barangay Upper Manggas.

Mayor Tahira Ismael said Dalmacio Romeo and Buenbrazo managed to escape, while Adlawan was beheaded.

The victims did not run away from the bandits whom they met in Upper Mangas because they thought they were soldiers armed with recoilless rifles," Ismael told the INQUIRER in Filipino.

Also yesterday, Col. Hermogenes Esperon Jr., head of the 103rd Army Infantry Brigade, confirmed that military operations were ongoing at Upper Matikang under Lt. Col. Reynaldo Ordoñez, head of the 10th Infantry Battalion, and at Upper Manggas under Maj. Carlito Galvez Jr., head of the 1st Scout Ranger Battalion.

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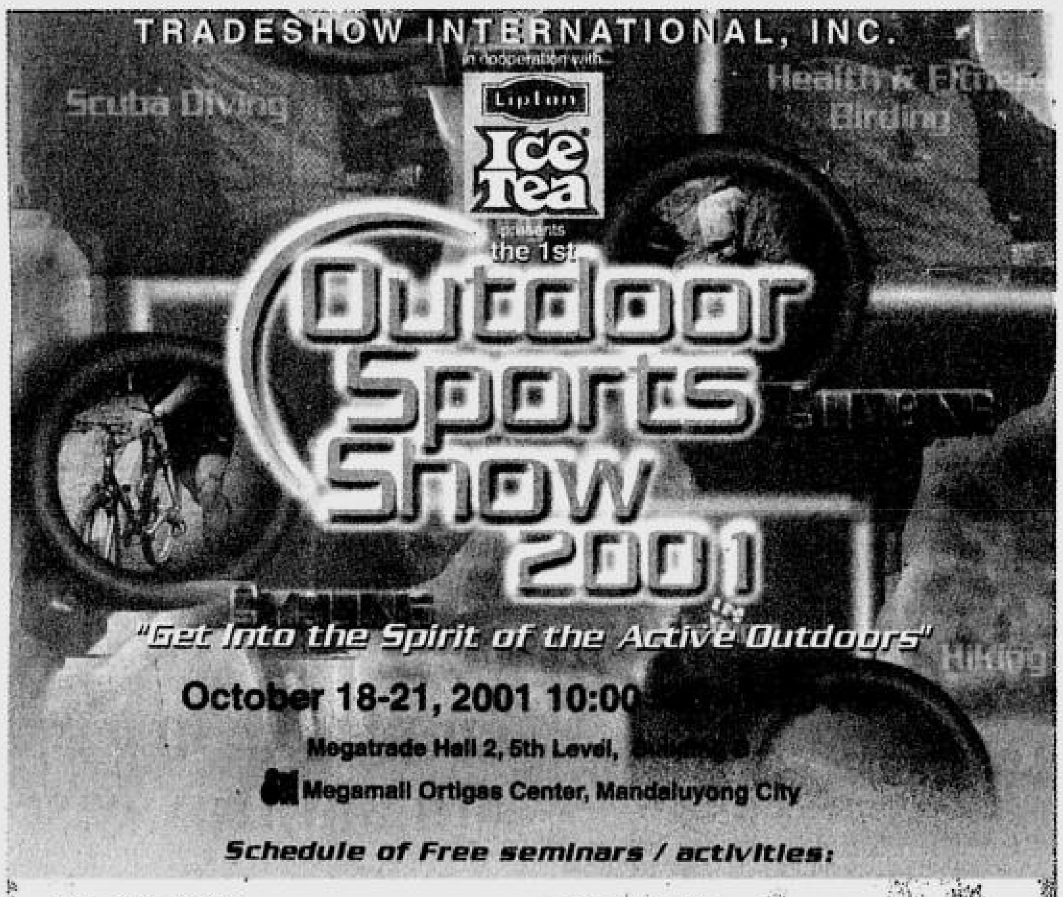

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1:30PM-3:00PM	*Camp Management* By: Mountain Search and Rescue Team of the Phils. (MOSART)
3:00PM-4:30PM	*Mountaineering in the Philippines* Mountaineering Federation of the Phils.
4:30PM-6:00PM	*Ecotourism in the Philippines* By: Department of Tourism (DOT)
6:00PM-7:30PM	*Preservation and Conservation Process of the Environment* By: Department of Energy & Natural Resources (DENR)
7:30PM-9:00PM	*How to Train for Your First Triathlon* By: Triathlon Association of the Phils. (TRAP)

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1:30PM-3:00PM	*Whitewater Kayaking & Rafting* By: Phil. Kayaking Assn. (PKA)
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4:30PM-6:00PM	*Sport Climbing 101* By: Sport Climbing Assn. of the Phils. Inc. (SCAPI)
6:00PM-7:30PM	*Phil. Sailing... The Shape of Things to Come* By: Phil. Sailing Assn. (PSA)
7:30PM-9:00PM	*Introduction to Boardsailing* By: Phil. Boardsailing Federation (PBF)

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12:00PM-1:30PM	*Introduction to the World of Search and Rescue* By: Mountain Search and Rescue Team of the Phils. (MOSART)
1:30PM-2:30PM	*Principles of Survival* By: Mountain Search and Rescue Team of the Phils. (MOSART)
4:00PM-4:30PM	Surfing Orientation By: Yokohama Surfing School
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10:30AM-12:00PM	*Wilderness Safety for Kids* By: Mountain Search and Rescue Team of the Phils. (MOSART)
12:00PM-1:30PM	*Introduction to Mountain Backpacking* By: Mountain Search and Rescue Team of the Phils. (MOSART)
1:30PM 2:30PM	*Re-breather Technology* By: International Assn, of Nitrox & Technical Divers (IANTD)
2:30PM-4:30PM	*Bisikleta at Kasaysayan... Mapagsasama Ba?* By: Phi. Amateur Cycling Assn. (PACA)
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Don't flaunt pro-US bias, OFWs urged

FILIPINOS in the Middle East have been warned not to show signs of fondness for America in order to avoid public anger over the US strikes on Afghanistan, diplomats said yesterday.

Philippine embassies have issued advisories to their nationals following suspected attacks in revenge for the US air strikes, including one in Kuwait that claimed the life of a Canadian and injured his Filipino wife.

The embassy in Saudi Arabia issued an advisory to the 850,000 Filipinos there, telling them not to wear shirts saying "I Love New York" or "I Love USA" and other pro-American messages.

They were also told to remove any similar stickers on their cars.

The advisory also told Filipinos to avoid unnecessary travel and stay away from malls, restaurants and bookstores.

Embassy charge d'affaires Mariano Dumia said they decided to issue the advisory after two Filipinos were injured in a bomb blast in Al-Khobar province in Saudi Arabia on Oct. 6.

Foreign affairs spokesman Victoriano Lecaros said that while the incidents in Kuwait and Al-Khobar did not seem related, he warned Filipinos in the Middle East to take extra precautions.

Dumia said that despite the incidents, Saudi Arabia remained peaceful with no serious threat to Filipinos there.

The US air strikes in Afghanistan, against the suspected perpetrators of the Sept. 11 terror attacks in New York and Washington, have roused fury from Muslims overseas, leading to fears that some of them may stage their own attacks on Westerners.

About a million Filipinos work in the Middle East. Many of them are Christians who are partial toward the US. *AFP*

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Rights abuses feared with Blair visit

BY ANDREA TRINIDAD-ECHAVEZ

MILITANTS and human rights activists yesterday expressed apprehension over the impending arrival of US Admiral Dennis Blair, warning that the American government's intervention in local terrorist problem could result in the surge of human rights abuses.

In the weekly Kapihan sa Cypress, Karapatan secretary general Marie Hilao-Enriquez said that even with the presence of the Armed Forces of the Philippine in Basilan, human rights violations were already escalating.

"If Basileños experienced gross abuses under Filipino soldiers, how much more with the American troopers?" she said.

At least 13,421 families comprising of 78,736 individuals have been displaced since the military assault against the bandit group Abu Sayyaf started some months ago, according to a fact finding team composed of different human rights groups.

It also documented 10 victims of summary execution, one of which was done right inside a police outpost, and 59 victims of unjustified arrests.

In a 19-page report, the fact-finding mission also revealed that far from containing the Abu Sayyaf group, the military operations endangered the lives of residents and destroyed their livelihoods.

The team concluded that despite the government's "press releases," the AFP is ineffective in its drive against the Basilan-based bandit group.

In fact, Basilan local officials attest that in the latest "encounter" with Abu Sayyaf, the casualties were civilians and not members of the bandit group.

The militant Kilusang Mayo Uno also said strong warnings that the coordinated attacks of AFP and US troops against local terrorists would result in far greater damage and destruction of lives and properties especially with the use of superior military devices provided by the US.

"The AFP's military campaign against the Abu Sayyaf in Basilan alone resulted to numerous cases of killings, physical assaults, mass arrests, bombings, forced displacement and destruction of properties of thousands in Basilan," KMU secretary general Elmer Labog lamented.

He also warned that the US might turn the country into a "testing ground" for its latest military equipment.

"There is also no clear assurance on what kind of equipment would the US bring other than night visibility gadgets and special ammunition. They could bring in with them bombs and cruise missiles and the next thing we would know, they are already dropping bombs on Basilan the way they shelled Kabul," Labog pointed out.

He said that with Admiral Blair, commander-in-chief of the Pacific command, giving hands-on directives on the attacks, Filipinos should "expect the worst."

Misuari sees 'untoward incidents' in ARMM polls

By Michael Lim Ubac

MISUARI

ARMM Gov. Nur Misuari has warned of "untoward incidents" should the Macapagal-Arroyo administration decide to push through with elections in the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao on Nov. 26.

In a press conference yesterday, Misuari said the government and the groups supporting the polls should be held to account if violence should erupt as a result of the Bangsamoro people's strong opposition to the elections.

He said the ARMM had already filed a petition with the Commission on Elections to defer anew the holding of the elections on various grounds.

These ranged from alleged constitutional infirmities of the law that created the ARMM to the national government's alleged failure to fulfill its promise to "rehabilitate" and develop the ARMM as stipulated in the 1996 peace agreement.

Misuari said his stand on the elections was being supported by almost all top ARMM officials led by ARMM Executive Secretary Dr. Abdurahman Amin.

Misuari was elected ARMM governor in the elections that followed the conclusion of the 1996 peace agreement with the main Muslim secessionist group, the Moro National Liberation Front, which he led.

Subsequent elections have been postponed, however.

Last August, residents in 25 cities and provinces in Mindanao were asked in a plebiscite to decide whether they wanted to join an expanded ARMM. Only Basilan province and Marawi City opted to join the original four provinces of the autonomous region.

Misuari, who opposed the plebiscite, yesterday accused the government of engaging in a "colonial conspiracy" to dislodge the MNLF from the autonomous government's seat of power.

"They are taking us lightly. They are saying that nobody will listen to Nur Misuari," he said.

He complained that he was having a hard time working with the national government.

"They (officials of the Macapagal-Arroyo administration) don't want us to succeed. I don't know the reasons behind this. (With the meager budget), nothing is happening with the Bangsamoro people. Please don't keep us in this vicious cycle," he said.

Misuari told reporters that the MNLF would stay away from the elections which "was a recipe for another failure."

"The referendum was a total violation of the peace agreement. (It is) a unilateral and arbitrary imposition… an affront to the peace agreement and the integrity of the Ministerial Committee of the Eight and the OIC (Organization of Islamic Conference). The MNLF will not be bound by (the results of the elections)," he said.

But the MNLF will continue to uphold the peace agreement, he said.

Despite the defection of some MNLF officials to the Moro Islamic Liberation Front, the MNLF was "very resilient and impregnable," Misuari said.

He said the MNLF had just reorganized its military "to revitalize" it.

"We are ready to move forward to the future," said Misuari who has rejected offers to serve as the country's ambassador to any Muslim country.

"It is useless to me. Ten years abroad could not compare with one hour of service at home," he said.

Misuari attended a two-day special meeting of the Islamic Foreign Ministers Conference last week, which was convened by the 56-member OIC in Qatar to address Muslim concerns like the Sept. 11 attack on the US and the ARMM political turmoil.

He said that delegates at the summit unanimously passed a resolution calling for the Philippine government to defer the holding of elections in Mindanao's autonomous region until 2003.

The summit also endorsed a resolution asking the Philippine government to urgently convene a tripartite meeting to thresh out the ARMM's problems and reach a consensus on the referendum, elections and the peace agreement as a whole, he reported.

Amin said Misuari and the incumbent ARMM officials were opposing the Nov. 26 elections not for personal or political reasons but because of several violations of the peace agreement.

Watch our water, solon urges

THE GOVERNMENT'S defensive measures against international terrorism should include a close watch on the country's water reservoirs and supply lines, potential targets of biochemical warfare.

A House member urged the military and police yesterday to secure water facilities nationwide to ward off attempts by local terrorists groups sympathetic to Saudi dissident Osama bin Laden to "poison" potable water sources.

Cebu Rep. Antonio Cuenco called on authorities "not to dismiss as mere bluff the (reported) threats of the Abu Sayyaf" to contaminate local water supplies.

Cuenco said the military might still be thinking that the Abu Sayyaf would not make good such threats since it would risk losing whatever mass support it still enjoys.

"Nobody knows what goes on in the minds of these extremists especially now that the global anti-terrorism campaign is gaining ground," the lawmaker said, adding:

"Our military officials themselves admitted that the Abu Sayyaf has the capability to poison our water, so they should always be alert over this possibility."

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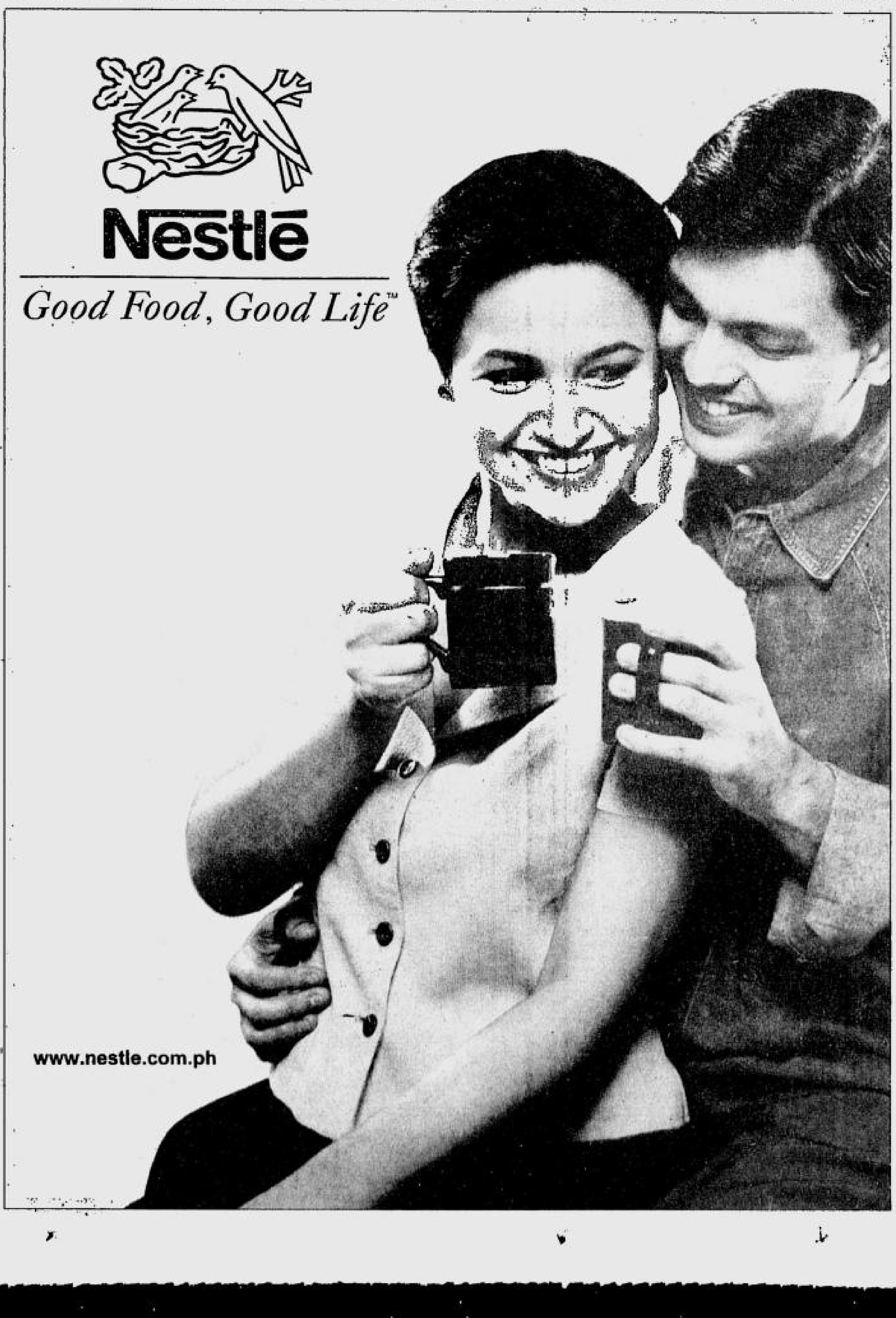

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Consider plight of workers, Gloria asks employers

By Juliet L. Javellana

PRESIDENT Macapagal-Arroyo yesterday held consultations with business leaders and employers to discuss the impact of the terrorist attacks on the United States to the Philippine economy, particularly on the wage situation.

The President, according to a Malacañang statement, expressed hope that there could be some "amicable and productive settlement" of wage demands at the regional tripartite wage boards.

Short of endorsing a wage increase, the President told the various groups during the closed-door meeting that "in presenting their positions on the wage issue, they should also consider the plight of workers."

Ms Macapagal also suggested that employers should consider job rotation instead of laying off workers, according to Trade Secretary Mar Roxas. He said the employers "responded very favorably" to her suggestion.

US slowdown

In the aftermath of the US terror attacks, the President said the Philippines can only rely on its own economic resources to survive. Philippine exports were severely affected by the US economic slowdown.

Those who attended the consultations at the Rizal Room of Malacañang included Donald Dee, president of the Employers Confederation of the Philippines; Miguel Varela, president of the Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industries; Ben Chua, president of the Filipino-Chinese Chamber of Commerce; George Sy, president of the Confederation of Garment Exporters of the Philippines; Rene Cristobal, chair of the Association for Professionalism in Overseas Filipinos; Raul Concepcion, director of the Makati Business Club and president of the federation of Philippine Industries; Guillermo Luz, executive director of the Makati Business Club; and Lito Mascardo, executive director of the Philippine Contractors Association.

Aside from wages, the President and the business leaders discussed issues including the possible contribution of the business sector in the areas of housing, livelihood and training.

Contraceptive ring approved, is as effective as pills

By Norman Bordadora

THE UNITED States Food and Drug Administration has approved a new birth control method—a vaginal ring that prevents pregnancy by releasing contraceptive hormones directly into a woman's reproductive system.

The breakthrough product, made of flexible polymer, is inserted into the vagina where it remains for the next three weeks continuously releasing a combination of estrogen and progestin hormones—the same ingredients in oral contraceptives.

"The ring must be used as directed for maximum contraceptive effectiveness. A woman inserts the ring herself, and it should remain in the vagina for three weeks," read the FDA announcement of its approval of the product.

"She then removes the ring for one week during her menstrual period," the FDA announcement said.

The FDA said the device, dubbed NuvaRing by its manufacturers, is as effective as oral contraceptives that contain the same hormonal combination. Tests showed that it was effective 98 percent of the time.

While the new contraceptive product has the potential of revolutionizing birth control in as much the same way as the condom and the diaphragm, the FDA said it would only be made available with a doctor's prescription.

"The side effects of NuvaRing may include vaginal discharge, vaginitis and irritation. Like oral contraceptives, NuvaRing may increase the risk of blood clots, heart attack and stroke," warned the FDA.

The vaginal contraceptive ring consists of a flexible, transparent, colorless ring 2.1 inches in diameter containing the hormones.

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The vaginal ring was developed by Organon Inc. of West Orange, New Jersey, USA and NV Organon of the Netherlands.

Two large multi-center trials with more than 2,300 women were conducted in the US, Canada, Europe and Israel. The trials evaluated the product for its acceptability, contraceptive effectiveness and safety.

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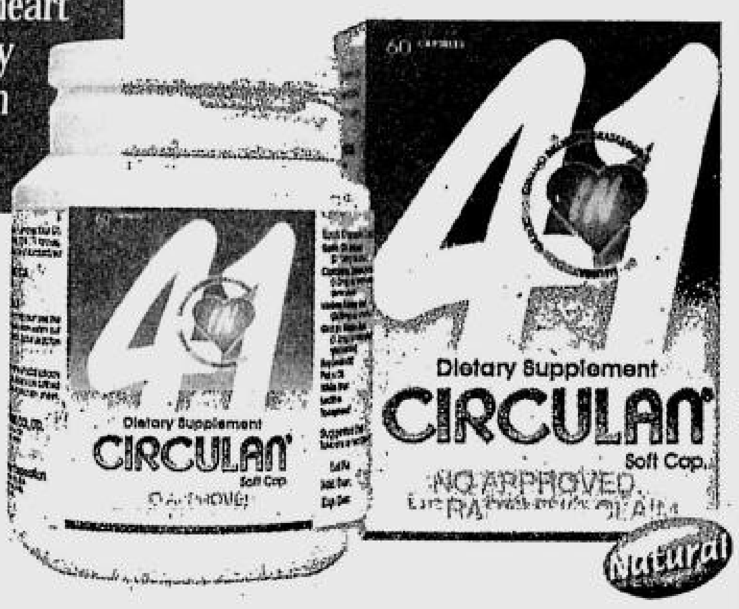

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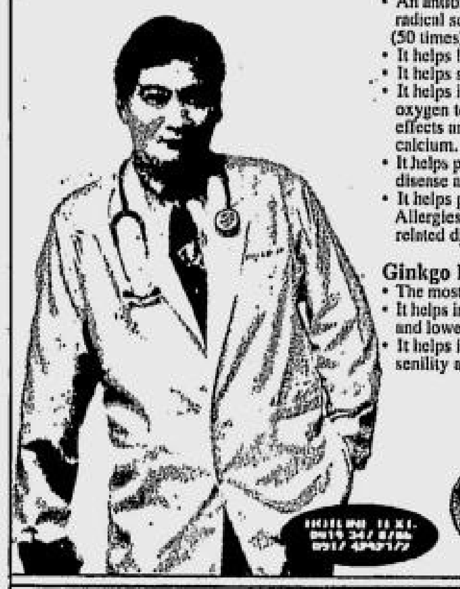

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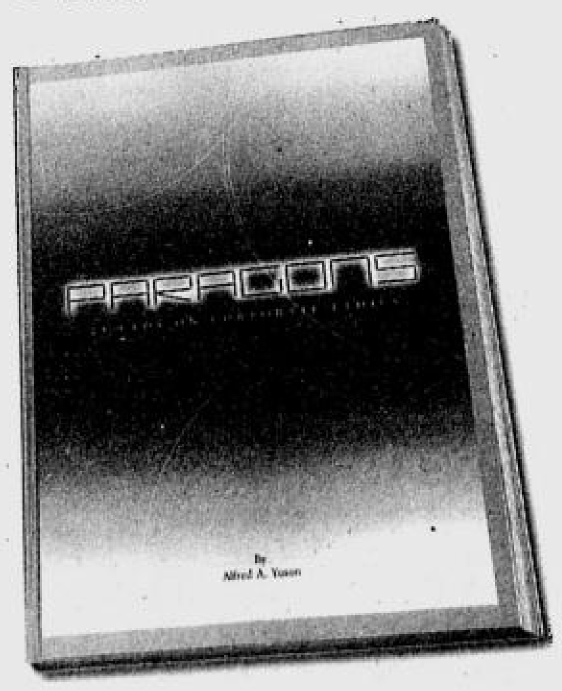
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Aides tag Cebu trader as drug lord

BY JHUNNEX NAPALLACAN
PDI Visayas Bureau

CEBU CITY—Controversial local businessman Peter Lim was tagged by two former aides as a "drug lord" at a hearing of the House Committee on Dangerous Drugs held here yesterday. The committee is chaired by Cebu City Rep. Antonio Cuenco.

Ananias Dy, 45, Lim's former bodyguard of 21 years, and Bernard Liu, ex-manager of Lim's Love City nightclub, appeared before the legislators and revealed alleged illegal drug activities of Lim and his younger brother, Willy.

The Lim brothers own Hilton Heavy Equipment, a leading supplier of large machinery in Cebu.

Rumors of Peter Lim's involvement in dangerous drugs began circulating in Cebu in 1997 but police failed to find evidence of any illegal activity.

Former narcotics agent Mary "Rosebud" Ong had testified before a Senate committee hearing that there was a suspected drug lord and member of the Hong Kong triads in Cebu by the name of Peter Lim.

She could not be sure, however, of that Peter Lim's identity, she said, because there were many Peter Lims in the country.

But Liu testified yesterday that the Peter Lim suspected of being a drug lord was none other than the owner of Hilton Heavy Equipment.

"There are many Peter Lims but I would make it clear that (the alleged drug lord is) Peter Go Lim, owner of Hilton Heavy Equipment and my former boss," Liu said in Cebuano.

When asked by Cuenco if he personally witnessed any drug activity by Peter Lim, Liu said he himself had been involved in packing and transporting shabu from Hong Kong to Cebu.

Liu said he accompanied Willy Lim to Hong Kong at least three times between 1989 and 1996 to get the shabu that they smuggled into Cebu via the Cebu-Mactan International Airport.

In one instance, he said, they transported some 10 kilos of shabu to Cebu.

Liu said that when they went through the Mactan and Hong Kong airports, authorities did not search their luggage.

He said that during Holy Week in 1989, he and Willy Lim flew to Hong Kong where they were joined at their hotel the next day by Peter Lim.

Liu said his bosses made some telephone calls and the next day cartons of shabu were delivered.

Liu said the Lims' contact in Hong Kong was a certain David Kam, but he did not know if he was a member of the triads.

He said the immigration and customs personnel at the Mactan-Cebu International Airport knew Peter Lim and that was why they were never searched.

Dy, for his part, said he was once ordered by Peter Lim to escort a shipment of shabu hidden among stalactites on a WG&A ship bound for Manila from Cebu.

However, the shipment was confiscated at the Manila port, Dy said.

Dy said he was fired last year by Lim after he punched a co-worker.

Cuenco said Peter Lim would be summoned to appear at the next committee hearing scheduled in Manila on Thursday.

Elias Espinosa, Lim's lawyer, yesterday declined to give any statement. He said he had yet to get Lim's permission before commenting on the allegations raised against his client at the hearing. ***With Debra Jane V. Magallon, PDI Visayas Bureau***

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BOI voids sp'l visas of 1,182 investors

By G.Cabacungan

THE BOARD of Investments has revoked 1,182 special investor resident visas (SIRVs) as part of the government's effort to crack down on abuses by aliens of the cheap and lenient immigration requirements of the country.

This was the biggest batch of SIRVs canceled by the BOI since the government tightened last December its rules on the application and maintenance of the special visas which give foreigners residence status in the Philippines for a minimal fee.

The BOI voided the SIRVs after their holders failed to show proof they had complied with the minimum investment requirement of $75,000 and submitted annual reports on the status of their investments in the country.

Under SIRV rules, applicants must deposit $75,000 in a 30- to 180-day time deposit before investing the money locally.

The BOI initially gives an applicant a six-month SIRV while it checks on his investment in the country. SIRV holders get an extended visa once the BOI confirms their investments.

While the SIRV was initiated by the BOI (with the Bureau of Immigration) to entice foreign investors into the country, some aliens have used the visa to ease their entry into a third country which would have otherwise rejected them had they come from their native countries. Between 70 and 80 percent of SIRV applicants are from China.

Among the key reforms in the new SIRV guidelines are the limiting of eligible investments to corporations and not partnerships, and trimming the number of authorized depository banks for the time deposits to two—the Development Bank of the Philippines and the Land Bank of the Philippines.

The reforms were meant to ease the BOI's workload in monitoring compliance with the requirements of the SIRV by their holders.

Gloria, 66

CONDARO M. Gloria Sr. died on Oct. 13 at the age of 66. Special prayers are requested by his children Conrad and Lourdes, Marilou, Arlene and Henry and Glenda.

His remains lie at the memorial homes of the Loyola Memorial Park in Marikina. Cremation is set on Tuesday, Oct. 16.

Muslim leaders plan bigger anti-war rally

CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY—Muslim leaders in Northern Mindanao are planning to hold a bigger anti-war rally in Iligan City than what was organized in Marawi City on Tuesday.

"We will continue to publicly criticize the US-led attack on Afghanistan, and this time it would be a much bigger gathering of Muslims and Christians opposed to the aggression," said Hadji Abdullah Dalidig, chair and founder of the Marawi-based Islamic Movement for Electoral Reform and Good Government (Imergg).

Imergg organized Tuesday's rally in Marawi which denounced the war staged the combined forces of the US and Britain on the Taliban strongholds in Afghanistan on Oct. 7.

Dalidig said Muslims from the cities of Butuan, Gingoog and Cagayan de Oro would converge in Iligan City, tentatively on Oct 16.

"The attack on Afghanistan has proven the high-handedness and arrogance of the United States and her allies, and disregarded the rights of smaller nations," said Lanao del Sur Vice Gov. Dimapuno Datu Ramos.

The rally organizers said the only thing that Afghanistan and the Taliban were at fault was they befriended Osama bin Laden and his al-Qaida network.

The organizers added that the aggression in Afghanistan did not conform with the international norms of addressing differences between nations and the interest for world peace.

In the Marawi rally, the angry crowd burned the US and British flags while shouting "Death to America" and "Long live Osama Bin Laden."

In Davao City, the biggest organization of Muslim businessmen in Mindanao expressed support for the government's policy against global and local terrorism.

Jamil Hamza Olermo, chair of the Muslim Business Forum (MBF), said in a statement that the Muslim businessmen supported President Macapagal-Arroyo's policy against terrorism.

"Any form of terrorism or widespread act of violence is unacceptable in a civilized world and should really be stopped," Olermo said.

He said the Abu Sayyaf's atrocities in Basilan and Sulu had adversely affected the economy of Mindanao.

"It has greatly mired the local businessmen's effort to spur growth and development on the island," Olermo said.

Despite worldwide effort to wipe out the international terrorist network, Olermo said "it's business as usual in Mindanao, especially for the Muslim Business Forum."

The MBF is preparing for its First BIMP-Eaga (Brunei-Indonesia-Malaysia-Philippines-East Asia Growth Area) Muslim Business Summit in January next year. ***Butch D. Enerio with a report from Joselle Badilla, PDI Mindanao Bureau***

Thai prime minister departs for home

THAI Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra left the Philippines on Saturday after an overnight visit to this country.

Thaksin was seen off by Senate President Franklin Drilon and Tourism Secretary Richard Gordon shortly after a lunch with Philippine and Thai businessmen.

He made no departure statement.

During the first day of his visit, the Thai leader joined President Macapagal-Arroyo in urging fellow Southeast Asian nations to be more active against terrorism.

Thaksin said at a joint news conference that he and Arroyo talked at length on ways to combat international crime and terrorism, a fight they said the 10-member Association of Southeast Asian Nations should tackle more actively.

The two leaders also discussed cooperation in the areas of tourism and information and communications technology. ***AFP***

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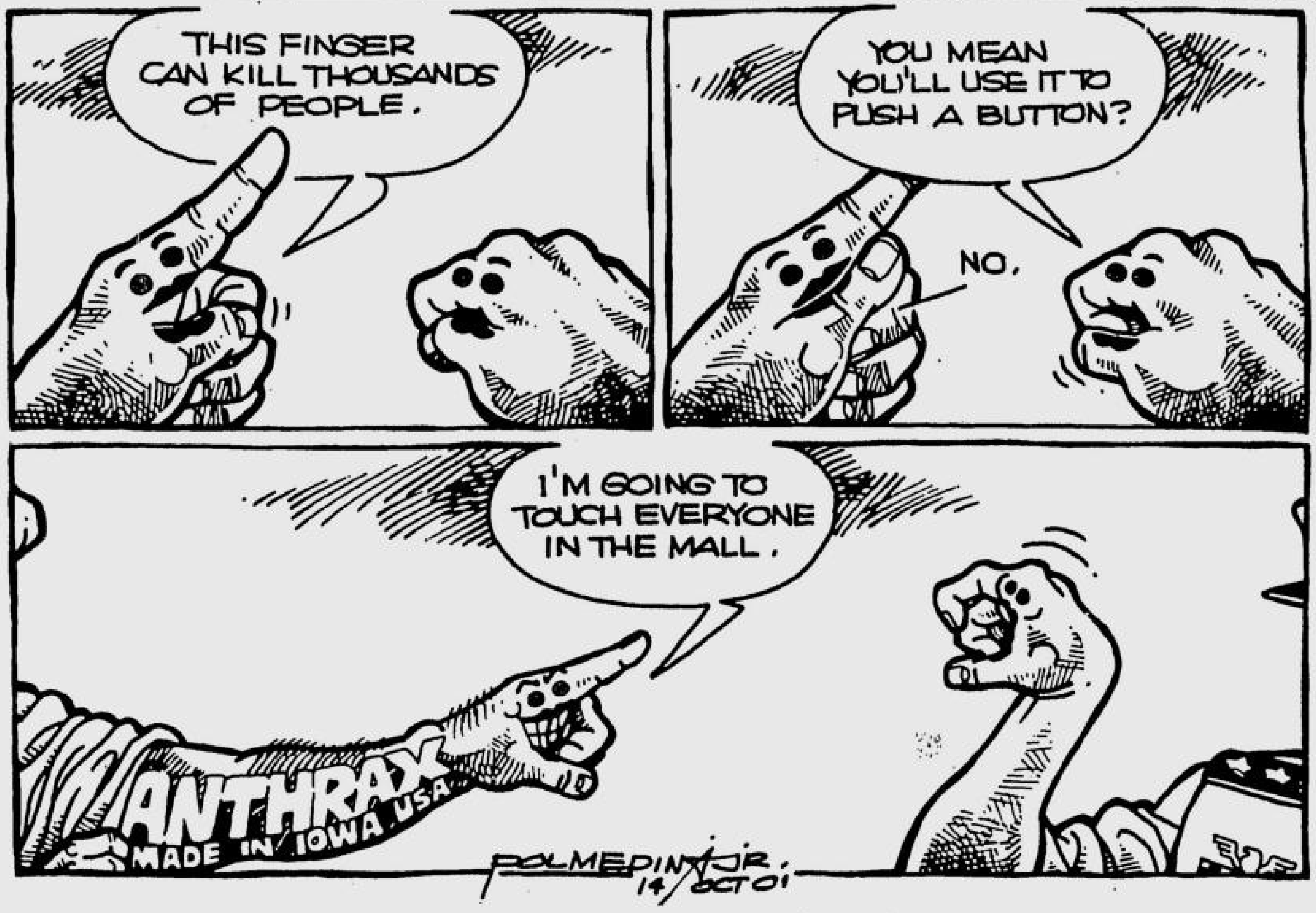
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Hello, Joe

THE IMMINENT arrival of US military advisers has forced the country's already overworked rumor mills into overdrive. Careful to manage expectations, the government took exact pains to explain the nature and limits of the visit.

"They will be coming here," the President said last week, "to (coordinate) with our own senior officers, and the output of their coordination will be a plan on how to work together against terrorism."

Gen. Diomedio Villanueva, chief of staff of the Armed Forces of the Philippines, said the team of senior military experts from the United States will "valuate and find out how they can further assist us in training as well as in the infusion of matériel and equipment" to allow the Philippines to "really participate" in fighting terrorism—in particular, against the Abu Sayyaf bandits in Basilan and Sulu.

Secretary Roilo Golez, national security adviser, said it was possible that agents of the US Federal Bureau of Investigation may join the visiting group.

All of them made clear that the military advisers did not constitute a combat team.

US officers won't be in "actual physical engagement," the President said. "They are senior officers, not foot soldiers." Villanueva added: "They will not be armed, they will not be participating in the operations, they will not even be advising our troops, as said in the newspapers." Golez emphasized that the US team would "not in any way be active in operations."

Of course, this is not the first time that a US military contingent will be in the country since the US bases were ordered closed in 1991. Just last year, for instance, thousands of US and Philippine troops worked side by side in impressive war games off the coast of Cavite. But this is the first time since 1991—or at least that we know of—that a US military team has been invited to actually review Philippine military performance during ongoing operations. The AFP has been conducting semi-successful pursuit operations against the Abu Sayyaf since May.

Both Golez and Villanueva have been careful to phrase the expected outcome of the visit—the deliverables, in other words—in terms of training and equipment. Golez said the US advisers will bring "night fighting equipment, night visibility equipment, special ammunition, special gadgets, flak jackets to protect themselves during very high-risk, close-in operations." The United States will also "assess the training requirements" of the Philippine military, specifically with regard to fighting terrorism.

The mere presence of the US military team, however, cannot but raise the public's expectations. Everyone remembers that the President has already vowed to solve the Abu Sayyaf crisis before the year ends. Will the training and "infusion of matériel," the night visibility equipment and the special gadgets, thus mean the crisis will be resolved earlier?

And goodbye

TRUE to form, militant leftists have demanded a ban on both the US advisers and their equipment. But two senators instrumental in the passage in 1999 of the Visiting Forces Agreement have suddenly turned cold on the Americans.

Magisterially, Sen. Blas Ople said the Senate will reject any participation by US troops in anti-Abu Sayyaf operations. "I want to assure you that the Philippines will not be a new Vietnam," Ople said. He seemed unmindful that this kind of domino effect, as it were, of small-scale bilateral exercises leading to bigger, unmanageable operations, was precisely one of the arguments raised against the approval of the VFA.

Sen. Rodolfo Biazon used language that was minimalist at best. "At the most, joint training exercises between US and Philippine troops against terrorism is tolerable," he said in a statement.

Tolerable? The whole point of the VFA was joint military exercises. Why are the champions of that agreement now hemming and hawing on that essential point? Do the merits of the treaty they labored over look different, now that they are on the opposition's side of the fence?

Farewell to Maybelle

SEPARATE OPINION

Isagani A. Cruz

MAYBELLE passed away last Wednesday, peacefully in her sleep. We had prayed for a miracle to save her, but when we saw it was not God's will, we prayed for Him to take her. He finally released her from her pain and welcomed her into His kingdom.

Maybelle was the wife of my son Caloy. She was technically my daughter-in-law, but she was more than that to my wife and me. She was as much our real daughter as Caloy is our son. She herself considered us more than her parents-in-law but her surrogate parents after her own parents died.

You should have seen her before she fell ill. She was beautiful. She looked like a petite doll with cute mestiza features that exuded an air of innocence rather than worldliness. She adorned her natural loveliness with a fine taste in clothes she did not hesitate to buy despite their cost. She was a big spender!

Maybelle was for many years an executive of a foreign cosmetics company that chose to retain her despite a cancer operation she underwent in 1996. That was how highly they regarded her. But two years ago, she decided to retire notwithstanding her substantial salary and other perquisites. She wanted to devote more time to her only daughter Cara.

She was able to do this for a while, pampering the 5-year-old with toys and dresses and trips to the malls to make up for lost time. This was a highly pleasurable period for the two of them. But early this year, a cough that would not be healed signaled warnings. Her brother's wife Gigi, an oncologist, advised her to take some tests, which confirmed our secret fear. Her cancer was back.

She reported the results to us matter-of-factly last January. There were no dramatics, just a dispassionate statement of the facts as her doctors had explained them to her. Without our asking her, she said she had at most eight months to live. She rejected chemotherapy. She would rely on other medication although she was not sure it would cure her.

She was cheerful during the succeeding months, but the cancer was slowly gnawing at her body. Soon the excruciating pain began. Once we treated her at a restaurant to her favorite oysters Rockefeller, but she never had the strength to go out again. Soon she could no longer join us on Family Day, which she had never failed to attend before.

Friends who heard about her illness visited her, bringing cheer and food. She was especially delighted when her high school classmates in Cagayan de Oro dropped in to surprise her. Batchmates from her UP MassComm years sent her text messages she was glad to answer when she could. Former co-workers also came to remind her of sunnier days in their office. Her sister Eileen came from the United States and her brother Sonny kept in touch from Laguna.

But the time came when her unrelenting agony prevented her from receiving even her close relatives. The precious painless hours became less frequent. There were days when she could only move her fingers to acknowledge our presence. I hesitated to look at her because she had become emaciated and listless although she never lost her beauty until the end.

Every time she was to undergo a procedure, like the draining of her lungs, she would send text messages asking for prayers to relieve her pain. She called them her Prayer Brigade—Candy, Tonio, Celso, Annie and, of course, their Mom—who always responded. They were always there to hold her hand. Pastors and nuns, some of whom she had never met before, visited her to give her spiritual comfort. She was deeply grateful for their sincere concern.

One happiness she could not fully enjoy was the celebration of her daughter Cara's seventh birth anniversary on Oct. 3. We had to advance the party because we feared Maybelle might not last that long. She had made many elaborate plans for it and arranged for all the merry trimmings she knew the child would enjoy. She was able to attend in a wheelchair Caloy had bought for the occasion but had to leave and rest after a few minutes. She did see a videotape of the event, though, before she passed away.

Maybelle was not yet 44. She had everything to live for—a devoted husband, a beautiful daughter, an extended family that embraced her as our very own, a new house, scores of cordial friends, and most of all, herself—this gracious and virtuous lady whose "spark of heavenly fire" will continue to light the lives of all of us who loved her. She never realized, she often said with pleased unbelief, that there were so many of us.

Through all her travail, Maybelle never questioned God's will. She accepted it without question and never showed any despair or bitterness over what others would call an unkind fate. During moments of our own sadness, which we sometimes could not conceal from her, she assured us that she was prepared to go. In fact, she wanted to go.

The only thing that was deterring her, she confided to Candy, was the pain her death would cause Caloy. She loved her husband so much that she was willing to undergo all that agony in her body if only to postpone his grief. Believe this, for it is true. Nevertheless, knowing that the end was near, she asked Candy, as a last request, to console and take care of her brother in his inevitable time of bereavement. Maybelle must have been thinking of Caloy at the last waking moment of her life.

Sometime ago, sensing that Maybelle would leave us soon, I called on the members of our family to make her last days in this life as tender as possible. Every little kindness and thoughtfulness, I said, would temper the pain of parting. There was little time left for all of us to reaffirm our love for her and we should do it now as often as we could. That should be the token and measure of our final farewell to her.

When Maybelle heard about it, she called me up from her sickbed, and thanked me tearfully. She was so happy. "I love you very much, Dad," she said and I replied that I loved her too. After that incident, I intentionally did not visit or talk to her again until she finally left us. I wanted to remember, as I do now, that her last words to me were, "I love you very much, Dad."

We mourn Maybelle's passing because a radiant soul is gone from us except in wistful remembrance. But we also rejoice that she is at last in a brighter realm where she will have her own happy memories, as in a dream of peace without pain, of her beloved Caloy and Cara, and all of us who will deeply miss her.

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MOMENTS

Fr. Jerry M. Orbos, SVD

TAKE a look at the crucifix, and you will see the shortest, and the best prayers for all times. What letter of the alphabet do you see in the form of the cross? A letter T, right? And what letter of the alphabet do you see in the form of the body of Christ? A letter Y, so the two letters in the crucifix are TY which for us Filipinos (who love to shorten words) means, THANK YOU, the shortest and the best prayer for all time. Every time you look at a crucifix, just say thank you, and you have said the best prayer of all.

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In today's Gospel (Lk. 17, 11-19) Jesus lamented on the ingratitude of the nine lepers who were healed. After they were healed, they ran away with their blessing and forgot the source of their blessing. Are you blessed with good health? Don't forget to thank the source of your life and good health! Are you blessed with material possessions, a good life or a good spouse and a lot of gifts in life? Rejoice in your gifts, but don't forget the giver of your gifts. The problem with many of us is that we go back to our giver of gifts only when we have already lost them or about to lose them. And oftentimes, we go back not to give thanks but to demand and to complain. Are you a grateful person? Are you able to say "Thank you Lord" in both good and bad times?

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Learn from nature. Tomorrow morning when you wake up (if you still wake up) listen to the roosters crowing, greeting each morning with praise as if saying "Lord, sa-la-mat!" The acacia tree folds its leaves in prayer as evening comes, and even the lizards go down to kiss the earth to say their gratitude to God. The cows, the carabaos bend their knees before they sleep at night. Yes, nature is grateful. Why, oh why can't you and I?

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Fr. Jerome Marquez and Fr. Randy Flores, SVD professors at the Divine Word Seminary in Tagaytay, brought me to Bautista, Dasmariñas, Cavite last Wednesday to join the schoolchildren praying the rosary, without rosaries. The XVDs brought rosaries for them and it was so touching to see how they appreciated receiving a very simple rosary. It was like Christmas to see joy written in the faces of those who gave and those who received. A touching moment was when a little child tugged at my shirt, made *"mano,"* and just kept on holding my hand with a beautiful smile without saying a word. After she walked away, she looked back once or thrice, still with a beautiful smile, until she finally ran home, carrying her treasured rosary in hand. If you want to help the rosary propagation of the XVDs (an association with ex-SVD seminarians), please get in touch with us at Tel. No. 725-9006 or 721-7457; e-mail address is jorbos@manila-online.net

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I don't know how life will end. All I know is that I want to live a grateful life till the end. The biggest misfortune that can befall a person is that he becomes angry and bitter in life. With all their blessings, some people no longer see or appreciate their gifts and blessings. They always see what is lacking in their lives and feel bad about it. Well, life will never be full and complete, so why don't you just rejoice with what you already have and will still have rather than feel miserable about what you want and wish you had? At this point in your life, are you a grateful person, or an angry, miserable, bitter and complaining person? The choice is yours.

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For a happy life, pray for the spirit of gratitude in your life. First of all, many of our blessings are undeserved. The blessings that we have and claim to have worked for are nothing compared to the blessings we have received. Second, there are so many blessings in our lives that we are not even aware of and which we often take for granted. Rejoice in these blessings. Don't wallow in misery over desired blessings. Third, be a source of blessings for others, too. That's what living a grateful life means—being grateful to God for all His blessings, and becoming a source of blessings to others in gratitude to God.

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Today, take time to count your blessings. If you look hard enough, beyond health, food, family, friends and material blessings, you'll find out that your greatest blessing is life itself. That you and I are still alive this morning is the greatest blessing for this day. Did you thank God this morning that you are still alive?

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Find time to say THANK YOU to people. Little things mean a lot. Be expressive of your gratitude to them, now, while they are still alive. Say THANKS to those who do good to you. Take time to say thank you to the driver, the waiter, the security guard, the vendors, the helpers at home to whom a little act of gratitude means so much. Say thank you too even to those who are not pleasing to you, those who hurt and persecute you, and make life miserable for you. They are, as you know, sources of tremendous blessings.

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For those of you who find it hard to say thank you to God because of trials, remember Mama Mary who went through a lot in life yet continued to sing her "Magnificat…my soul glorifies the Lord!"

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A moment with the Lord.

Lord, source of all my blessings, I thank you for my blessings, especially for those that I am not even aware of, and for those I often take for granted. Amen.

A strategy for survival

CROSSCURRENTS

Antonio T. Carpio

IN A RARE display of bi-partisanship, both the administration and opposition agreed to hold an economic summit to devise solutions to address the deepening economic crisis. The textbook solution to a crisis like this involves actions that will immediately stimulate the economy, like loans to badly hit industries as well as tax cuts and tax rebates to consumers. These measures are for the short-term and are time-bound over one to two years.

Rich countries like the United States have come up with economic stimulus packages that include loans and equity infusions to industries like airlines and hotels. On top of that, they are granting huge tax cuts and tax rebates to encourage consumer spending. The total stimulus package being drawn up by the US Congress is US$100 billion.

For a country like the Philippines, which is expected to incur a P145 billion budget deficit this year, there will be no loans or equity infusions even to the most badly hit industries. There will also be no tax rebates because our tax collection is pathetically low. If Congress is brave enough to give tax cuts to consumers, this will only exacerbate the budget deficit, forcing the government to borrow even more to meet its expenses.

In practical terms, the economic summit will most likely exhort again the cash-strapped employers to keep their factories, shops and offices operating and to avoid layoffs. Appeals will be made to employees to moderate or even postpone their demand for wage hikes. In terms of tangible financial support to employers and employees, there is very little that our government can give at this time.

We are not; however, totally helpless. We can summon the political will to address the root causes of our continuing economic malaise. We can break the political taboo and start discussing long-term solutions to the fundamental problems that have made the current economic crisis possible. If we do not have the financial resources to soften the blow to our people, we must at least have the political will to create in the future the financial resources needed for the survival of our people.

One fundamental problem that has hobbled our economic growth is our population, which is increasing at 2.3 percent per annum. At this rate, we are adding 1.7 million Filipinos every year, and by the year 2020 our population will reach 117 million from the present 76 million. The carrying capacity of the Philippine archipelago is estimated at only 40 million people. In 2020 we will overload our archipelago by almost three times its capacity. Our existing infrastructure and basic services are woefully inadequate to meet the needs of our present population. The situation will surely become worse by 2020. Does our population policy address this problem?

Our foreign debt has now reached US$52 billion, and our local debt is about P1.5 trillion. We incur new loans just to pay maturing ones. For 2002 our debt servicing, both for foreign and local debt, will total P367.6 billion, or almost 50 percent of the national budget. When we spend one-half of the national budget on debt servicing, we forego expenditures on basic services like education, health, transportation and agricultural services. In the private sector, when a company forks over one-half of its gross revenue to bankers, that company is essentially bankrupt. Of course nations can never go bankrupt. But the standard of living of the people suffers greatly once a nation starts to work for the banks. Does our present debt policy allow us to break out of this debt trap?

Deforestation has brought down our forest cover to less than 18 percent of our land area. The forest cover required to minimize soil erosion is 54 percent of the land area. Soil erosion reduces the productivity of our farmlands. Soil erosion accounts for some P12 billion in damage to farms and infrastructure yearly. Soil erosion also causes siltation of rivers, lakes, mangroves and coastal areas—wreaking immeasurable havoc on our fisheries. Deforestation threatens our food security. Today, the primary cause of deforestation is the need of our rural people for firewood. There is no LPG, the cooking fuel used in urban areas, in the countryside. How do we stop the continuing denudation of our remaining forests?

For over 30 years now, we have been troubled by two insurgencies, one communist and the other Islamic. No nation has realized its full potential while battling a war in its own homeland. The Philippines is fighting two wars within its territory. Peace and order within a nation is essential for sustained economic development. Unless we bring to an end these twin insurgencies, we will continue to grow marginally, never reaching a take-off stage. One has only to see the hotels, restaurants and other business that have closed shop in Southern Philippines to understand this. What is our strategy to end these two insurgencies?

We have embraced globalization, and joined the World Trade Organization, without a clear strategy how to defend our local industries. We want to buy surplus agricultural products in the world market at cheap prices. Many countries sell their surplus products in the world market almost at cost. Our local farmers cannot compete and are forced to give up farming. The surplus in the world market, however, may disappear anytime if the producing countries suffer crop failures, or if these countries end subsidies to their farmers. Then we will be in real trouble.

The fundamental bottlenecks to our economic growth need to be debated by the nation. We need a national consensus on how to deal with these structural problems. The entire nation must realize the gravity of the problems, understand the need to solve the problems, and believe that the proposed solutions are the best under the circumstances. Only then can we truly say we have found a strategy for national survival.

Goodwill, good men (and good women)

AT LARGE

Rina Jimenez-David

THE MAINLAND of the United States is threatened as never before. The president faces a painful dilemma: to do nothing would be to invite aggression and capitulate global political power; to act on the advice of military leaders and hawkish advisers to take the initiative with a preemptive strike would be to bring the world that much closer to cataclysm.

As the president struggles with not just conflicting advice, but two expedients of his life—political survival and personal values—the world waits and watches with fear as the leaders of the two most powerful nations in the world grapple within their own circles for a rational way out.

This is not the White House in the age of "Dubya" Bush, and the enemy from without is not Osama bin Laden and his resurgent fundamentalist terrorist network. And though the film "13 Days" certainly sets off echoes of the current uncertainty around the world, in many ways, the crisis at the center of the movie war is far graver, and held the possibility of even greater chaos and tragedy.

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I WAS but a child in 1962, but even then, I was vaguely aware of the "Cuban missile crisis" as my parents spoke at the dinner table about the possibility of the "end of the world."

This was not just Cold War hype, but reality, as the movie shows. In those 13 days, President John F. Kennedy grappled with the reality shown in the aerial photographs taken by spy planes: the Soviet Union was placing nuclear missiles in Cuba that, if released against targets in the US mainland, would give America just five minutes' warning.

Much of the movie portrays the heated debates in the White House, the United Nations and in the backrooms of power, as Kennedy sought solutions to the impasse other than the military's recommended secret raids and air strikes that, he was convinced, would inexorably lead to a World War III. But it also portrays, quite movingly, the intricate ballet that Kennedy and Kruschev danced around each other, both seeking compromise, but wary of betraying any sign of weakness.

"If the sun rises tomorrow, it will only be because of the goodwill of good men," says Ken McDonnell, the Kennedy adviser portrayed by Kevin Costner. That may be true today, more than ever.

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FROM READER Vincent Legarda, this "appreciation" for a recent column on this year's batch of awardees of The Outstanding Women in the Nation's Service (TOWNS). Let me share it with you in full: "It was heart-warming to have read your column...Most especially as your column was written side by side Neal's (Cruz) column on the readers' reactions to human cruelty to animals in the Philippines accompanied with an expat's comment on how the country and its people are intent on self-destruction.

"I felt a sense of pride and joy for these outstanding Filipino women have emerged larger than life by giving a part of their lives back to their country and its people. If anything, this goes to show that life in the Philippines is not just about self-destruction, but also about the reconstruction of its community values in the long and difficult process of nation building.

"At this critical stage of its history, the country desperately needs role models and heroes such as these women. Women such as Clarissa Ocampo who was and is the epitome of courage—putting her life and that of her family on the line, when she could have just kept quiet and enjoyed the comforts of life a person of her standing normally enjoys as a senior bank officer. Unfortunately, the Philippines seems to be fascinated with the idea that role models are limited to basketball and showbiz personalities.

"Philippine society must truly seek to build on these modern-day models and heroes especially on to the younger generation, reinforcing their positive qualities, precisely, in order to break down this so-called 'cycle of self-destruction'.

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"AS I read the INQUIRER from the Net every day, I think I can speak for the majority of Pinoys overseas and go out on a limb to say that we're already past the *'nakakahiya'* stage where the Philippines cannot solve a basic problem such as garbage and we have now reached the *'awa at inis'* stage. Hence, it brings a great sense of joy in our hearts when we have a good read such as the article you wrote. Somehow, we feel there still is a sense of hope in the Philippines and its people, be that the size of a mustard seed.

"I congratulate and thank all the past and present TOWNS awardees—they have brought a great sense of pride to the country, in particular, the women of the Philippines. They have engendered a sense of pride and meaning to what it is to be truly Filipino and have captured the true essence of citizenship. Mabuhay!!!"

In behalf of all the TOWNS awardees, past and present, thank you so much, Vincent for your kind words. It's always been the intent of the TOWNS Foundation that now administers the awards, to search for and honor women who have not only racked up achievements in their respective fields, but also served the nation through their work or other activities. We also hope to continue identifying role models to serve as examples of good citizenship and fulfilled personhood not just for young women, but for all young people.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the men and women who served on the board of judges for this year's search. By tradition, the chair of the board is the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court and Chief Justice Hilario Davide was kind enough to accommodate TOWNS in his busy schedule. The members of the board were: Education Secretary Raul Roco, DOST Secretary Estrella Alabastro, Energy Secretary Vincent Perez, Sr. Christine Tan, Prof. Solita "Mareng Winnie" Monsod, and TOWNS Foundation president Mel Alonzo.

Osama's war

PUBLIC LIVES

Randy David

THE US government has been very careful to tell the world that the air strikes on Afghanistan are directed not on the Afghan nation itself but on a band of international terrorists led by Osama bin Laden and the tyrannical regime of the Taliban that shelters them. Neither is this a war against Islam, America stresses, but a war solely against a fringe group of Islamicists who use a particular version of Islam to justify their attacks on innocent people who do not share their values.

One wishes that reality were so simple. But the results and the reactions to America's war speak differently. Innocent Afghan civilians are dying and starving in the process. Cities and towns that took generations to build are being razed to the ground. Millions of destitute people, who were just beginning to rebuild their lives from more than two decades of war, albeit under the dictation of a bunch of dogmatic pre-modern theologian-warriors, are fleeing their homes to seek refuge in temporary settlements at the border.

After a week of relentless bombing, there is no evidence that the US military is anywhere close to flushing out the enemies it has singled out for destruction. Instead, because of the devastation caused by the high-tech bombing of key population centers, terrorism—the reckless attack on civilians to secure political ends—is ironically being pinned on America itself by its critics around the world.

It is a measure of the complex configuration of this war that not a single government in the Islamic world, apart from Pakistan, has categorically justified the bombing of Afghanistan. They denounce terrorism, they condemn the terrorist attacks on the United States, and they support the fight against the many faces of global terrorism—but outside of Pakistan, no other Islamic nation has come out in support of the US air strikes on Afghanistan. They know that to do so is to court the anger of their own people. This is the danger that the Musharaf regime in Pakistan has brought upon itself by supporting the American war effort in Afghanistan.

Not even the royal house of Saudi Arabia, America's staunchest ally in the Gulf, where US forces have been based since 1991, has agreed to allow the use of its territory to launch American missiles and fighter jets destined for Afghanistan. Robert Fisk, the British journalist who has reported on Middle Eastern affairs for many years, thinks that the Saudis have acted ambivalently because they are aware of the great political risks they face at home.

On BBC television the other night, Fisk said that Osama's long-standing obsession is not the formation of a Palestinian state but the overthrow of the Saudi princes. Osama is not a known advocate of Palestine, but for the longest time, according to Fisk, he has waged a campaign against Arab rulers who betray the Islamic faith by colluding with America in its plan to control the Middle East. In particular, he vents his ire on the Saudi princes for allowing US troops to be stationed in the homeland of Islam. Mecca and Madina, the two most important centers of the Islamic faith, are located in Saudi Arabia. Fisk says that a careful analysis of Osama's 12-minute lecture on al-Jazeera TV after the first American air strike would support this conclusion. This homily, he says, was addressed not so much to America but to the Islamic peoples who continue to suffer the autocratic regimes that have turned against the true teachings of Islam and their own peoples.

The message is powerful because it echoes the frustrations, grievances and aspirations of many Muslims around the world. "Those who wished to arouse them to action," wrote Albert Hourani in his magnificent summation, The History of the Arab Peoples, "had to use the same language. Islam could provide an effective language of opposition: to western power and influence, and those who could be accused of being subservient to them; to governments regarded as corrupt and ineffective, the instruments of private interests, or devoid of morality; and to a society which seemed to have lost its unity with its moral principles and direction."

Osama's call is especially resonant in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, the country that stripped him of his citizenship. While other Arab states, says Hourani, were forced in self-defense to use the language of religion increasingly in state affairs, Saudi Arabia was precisely "created by a movement for the reassertion of the primacy of God's will in human societies."

Because of its own economic and political interests, America has found itself mired in the complex internal affairs of the Arab world. Here the modern language of nationalism, which served the Arab nation-states in their early years, has lost its appeal. No longer does it meaningfully link governments to their peoples. Only Islam remains, though it is too deep and powerful a current to be fully harnessed by any temporal government. Those that did, like Saudi Arabia, observes Hourani, "were caught in the ambiguities and compromises of power, and if they used languages with such a strong appeal, their opponents could also do so, in order to show the gap between what the government said and what it did."

For many Muslims who cannot live in the compromises of the modern world, Osama bin Laden is the living symbol of the quest for a route back to Allah. That quest is sweeping in its effects because of its religious character. Osama's war is a religious war against the modern way of life, with great repercussions for politics on a national and global scale. The modern world must show that there is a role for religion within it, but not as Osama would define it.

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'Tahbso'

HIGH BLOOD

Julia C. Lagoc

WE'D also like to know the concerns of the sixtysomething and above, what makes their blood pressure rise or makes them sit back, content that all's well with their world and with themselves. **—Ed.**

SOON I will have to enter the hospital again. I have to undergo another check-up, my fourth after the "Tahbso" (the convenient short term for total abdominal hysterectomy with bilateral salpingo-oophorectomy). My reproductive innards—ovary, fallopian tube, uterus—were scooped out. Being past reproductive age, what need have I for them? Besides, I have already given birth four times. It's better to have them removed to avoid their becoming host to further unwanted cell growth.

The Tahbso resulted in a painful conclusion I have learned to live with: ovarian cancer.

With the verdict having been laid down, the doctor's order was a check-up every six months, which I ignored. The gap would lengthen to seven, sometimes nine months before I would submit myself to a check-up because I felt that I was in tip-top shape and asking for a hospital admission in my state of health was some kind of a joke. I gained weight and, they say, looked so much younger with my crop of black hair having returned after chemotherapy. Even the streaks of silver that gave away the age of this sixtysomething had disappeared.

Last year's "work-up" (the attending nurse said this is the more appropriate term) was a different story. It brought a heck of a scare to my family. When I nearly passed out after a long drawn-out cough, instant hospital admission was a must. No reason to delay the check-up. The hubby and my daughters across the ocean burned the wires. In the haze of hospital hurry-scurry, I heard my husband saying over the phone: "A severe case of pneumonitis."

Even if she was there on the other side of the globe, it was as if I could see the teardrops roll down my daughter's cheeks. Relief must have induced the tears. But I did hear my daughter Randy Raissa heave a sigh of relief as soon as she heard that I only had pneumonitis, that indeed I was in complete remission from the dreaded disease, the Big C no less. I thought I heard, too, a long pause of silent prayer. The expanse of intergalactic space could not hide the crack in Randy's voice, unable as she was—she a physician—to care for her mother, a cancer survivor.

There are persons who, by the sheer force of personality, carry with them strength, confidence and peace and impart these to the fellow across, especially to one who is hooked up to the I.V. as this patient was. Dr. Anita Lacuesta-Jesena, oncologist, (thank you so much), seemed to drive away the vermins every time she came to visit me. She exuded overpowering calm that I needed during the long wait (the hours are interminable to a patient) for the results of the ultrasound, X-ray, sputum culture, blood chem and GA marker.

The result of the tests: a bad case of pneumonia. Didn't I say that I told my daughter there was remission, meaning no recurrence of the Big C? Pneumonia is curable by a massive infusion of antibiotic. The doctor said that a week in the hospital room and another week at home will be good for me.

To this day, there is no definitive cure for the Big C. There is no guarantee that six sessions of chemotherapy that made me bald for months will completely make the cancer cells disappear. But I am hoping for a medical breakthrough that will finally conquer cancer.

Last year, I was assigned to Room 407 situated on the west side of St. Paul's Hospital, which gave me a good view of the sunset. I wonder if I'd be occupying the same room when I go back. Room 407 provided a fabulous sunset, stirring in me poetic thoughts, leaving me to fathom life's unfathomables, even as the golden rays glistened through the mist in my eyes. I remember how the setting sun had evoked these closing lines from William Wordsworth's "Intimations of Immortality":

What though the radiance which was once so bright
Be now forever taken from my sight,
Though nothing can bring back the hour
Of splendor in the grass, of glory in the flower;
We will grieve not, rather find
Strength in what remains behind;
In the primal sympathy
Which having been must ever be;
In the soothing thoughts that spring
Out of human suffering;
In the faith that looks through death,
In years that bring the philosophic mind.

Sunsets through a hospital window make us remember especially the splendors in the meadowland of our past. And remembering, dear readers, is happiness enough.

Julia C. Lagoc retired as an information associate of the Southeast Asian Fisheries Development Center.

Bush doing well but more troubles ahead

NEWS ANALYSIS

Steve Holland

WASHINGTON—George W. Bush came to office in disputed fashion, losing the popular vote but winning the contest in court, and his early months in office left Americans wondering about his ability to lead the country.

A month into the Sept. 11 crisis, he is grayer, purposeful and is clearly fitting Into his job as the world's most powerful man. Analysts said that in the war on terrorism, he may well have found his mission as president.

"Beforehand he was a fellow who was easily distracted and couldn't wait to get out of town for the weekend, and wasn't that well briefed," said Bruce Buchanan, a University of Texas political scientist. "Something about this has hooked him. He's got access to his best talents in a way now that wasn't clear before."

Analysts credit Bush for mobilizing an international coalition against terrorism and urging Americans to get on with their lives even in the face of continuing threats like anthrax or truck bombs. They point to his prime-time news conference on Thursday night as evidence of this transformation. David Abshire, who was US ambassador to Nato during the 1986 air strikes against Libya, said "it was a another step in growth" for Bush.

"It was a real coming out for him I thought because he wasn't dealing with cue cards. He was dealing with questions and I thought in his answers he developed an ability to connect with the American people that was quite new," said Abshire.

Bush, who has plain tastes and abhors ceremony, had resisted going before the country in a formal White House East Room prime-time news conference until Thursday night. "He doesn't think the American people really care a whit about whether he's in the East Room or in the press briefing room," White House spokesperson Ari Fleischer said in March. "The president prefers an informality about certain things." Supporters said Americans were finally seeing the real Bush.

"Throughout the campaign George W. Bush was always underestimated and always rose to the occasion, be it in the debates or on the stump," said Republican political consultant Scott Reed. "Right now he's hitting full political stride and showing the American people that he's the right man at the right time in the right job to lead the country," Reed said.

But what a crisis giveth, it can take away. "The only pitfall on the horizon is the growth rate of the economy. It must be kept up, and as he puts incredible resources into winning this war, the rest of his team needs to keep its eye on the bouncing ball of the economy," Reed said.

Bush stressed the fragility of the economy during his news conference. "We cannot let the terrorists achieve the objective of frightening our nation to the point where we don't conduct business or people don't shop," he said.

In addition, it is an open question whether he will be able to maintain international support for a war on terrorism that goes beyond Afghanistan.

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TALK OF THE TOWN

JOHN NERY, Editor

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INSIDE THE FEEDBACK LOOP:

Framing the terrorism issue

LAST week's round-up of popular e-mail messages presenting an "alternative" view of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks and the role of the United States in recent history triggered an explosion of letters. Most of them took issue with the editorial blurb that highlighted the argument against the messages; many were closely reasoned counter-arguments against that day's Talking Points. A handful even raised fundamental questions about journalistic ethics and intellectual honesty. Time once again for another round inside the Talk of the Town feedback loop.

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A journalistic hijacking

BY J. OLIVER R. ORTEGA

YOU ... featured excerpts of five articles from American writers from which you illustrated the "perils of ideological thinking." I would disagree with you when you say that the views of Chomsky, Fisk, et al "make the Sept. 11 strike any less an act of terrorism."

The way I see it, it may be you who may be guilty of selective perception which led to your misreading of the said articles. What factors or criteria did you use in choosing which paragraphs in their articles are useful to the topic at hand?

If the guiding question used was: "Did the US have it coming?," then clearly Sontag's excerpt does not add anything to the discussion since she is talking of how the attacks are being used to infantilize the public. Maybe another part of her article answered the question but the paragraphs lifted clearly discusses an entirely different issue.

Now if the primary idea is to show the "perils of ideological thinking" which have come ... from reactions of some people in the alternative press, then Sontag's excerpt fits the discussion.

I may never agree with Sontag's politics and philosophy (especially when she says that courage is a neutral virtue), but in her particular excerpt she raised two important points that may become helpful in any future discussion of what happened in the US and the present US war against Afghanistan.

Did the writers "excuse any act of terrorism?" Let's see again:

(Noam) Chomsky: "The terrorist attacks were major atrocities ... a horrendous crime"

(Robert) Fisk: "There is no doubting the utter, indescribable evil of what happened in the United States ... mass savagery"

(Arun) Gandhi: "It horrified us"

(Susan) Sontag: "... September 11 slaughter..."

Norman (Solomon): "... mass murder..."

Clearly, these writers have expressly made their views clear about their stand against terrorism, and to accuse them of making the September 11 incidents in the US "any less an act of terrorism" is too much and is only illustrative of some form of journalistic hijacking which many newspaper editors are easily guilty of.

The said writers in their excerpts tried to present a wider historical and political perspective on why the Sept. 11 attacks happened and how the public and the American officials should appropriately respond to it.

They were not showing a "sliding scale of atrocities" nor were they saying that "one bombing is as bad as another." What they were trying to say was, we view each incident, i.e. the Sept. 11 attacks, in their proper historical context.

Chomsky in particular was not speaking of an "hierarchy of victimhood" but of how the US government was exploiting the incident to put into place certain "systems" (which was never clear in the excerpt in the first place) beneficial to the extreme right in the US.

Yes, he was measuring the scale or gravity of the Sept. 11 attacks but he was not doing this to say that this one is as bad as the other, but he was doing so only to measure the appropriateness of the US response to the incident.

The same would be said for the other writers. Fisk, for example, was using the same to illustrate the disproportionateness of the US response to the horrendous crimes in New York and Washington, but this is never because these attacks are not any better than what the US did to Iraq during the Gulf War.

Sontag furthered the discussion by saying that the Bush government and mass media are maximizing the gravity to render the public stupid. Yes, there is a need to manage the grief of the victims of the terror attacks, but when Sontag spoke of psychotherapy, she was not speaking in such context but in the context of how this grief is being exploited to condition the public into the vengeful and militarist response of the US government against terrorism.

Gandhi for his part was not saying that the Sept. 11 attacks were as bad as the US bombing of Iraq. What he was trying to say was that US foreign and military policies against Third World countries would lead to the escalation of terrorism and therefore there is a need to review such policies for the public to oppose this. Implicitly, Gandhi is saying that this is the best way to combat terrorism.

Solomon furthered such discussion by saying that it was the US itself who was guilty of nurturing these terrorists in the first place. He was in no way saying that "one's freedom fighter is another's terrorist" for clearly, when the US created these terrorist monsters, they were terrorists already and never became freedom fighters.

What was probably omitted (I don't know exactly whether Solomon did show this in another part of his article) was that the US created Bin Laden, the Nicaraguan contras, or even the Abu Sayyaf, to secure US economic interests whenever these are threatened by rising "insurgency" or by newly established socialist or nearly-socialist governments.

To say that "one's freedom fighter is another's terrorist" is to display a resurrection of pro-US Cold War thinking and a clear lack of knowledge of contemporary world history.

What I'm trying to say here is that we must be careful in choosing the articles we print, lest we may be accused of straitjacketing other people's views to justify a certain predetermined conclusion. We are very much aware of how extremely difficult it is to strike out certain parts of a long article or to choose to print others but we must always be guided by the principles of journalistic ethics and objectivity.

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The terrorism within

BY YOSSIE FERRER, MD
Congressional Village, QC

I AM pleased that you've provided a forum for what is perhaps humanity's greatest challenge today. Indeed, the excerpts that you featured reflect how our judgment can be misguided by our emotions.

Here's my two cents worth on the matter.

As plumes of dust engulfed the site where the World Trade Center once stood, as darkness swallowed the lives of many innocent people, our emotions are overwhelmingly enshrouded by fire and fury. The flame of enmity consumes us and our leaders, and if we allow such an inferno to burn our rationality, it will undoubtedly lead us to our own destruction. Deafened by all the noise and the turmoil, I decided to retreat to a realm governed by little souls who, despite their lack of cognizance of the intricacies of the world, seem to have a deeper understanding of life than most of us.

As I walked by the village park, I watched the children at the playground. Children. It is as if they hold the key to the true understanding of the happiness of life. Their laughter and sunny smiles are a far cry from the sad reality that pervaded the evening's news. They do have their own share of arguments, but such quarrels are short-lived and they admirably continue their solidarity. Their forgiving nature is indeed a remarkable feature of human relationships that reminds us of the essentials of our humanity. And as their cheerful giggles filled my heart, I began to ask myself, "What is it about our understanding of humanity that we have forgotten?" "What is it about our childhood that we have willingly thrown away?"

In my search for answers, I am dismayed by a certain realization. As terrorism threatens our societies, a far more perilous kind of terrorism exists within society itself. Anger, hate, vengeance—these are the terrorists within us. They are the very forces that prompt us to destroy each other. They are the evils that fuel war, desolation, and suffering. And if we are to give in—if we fail to resist this intrinsic terrorism—then we shall be no different from the men who plotted the horrific acts we've witnessed.

The twin towers have crumbled, and we've already lost many lives. As we condemn these dastardly acts, let us be wary of our emotions. Let us be wary of walking the path toward hatred. If we fall into the clutches of the terrorists within us, we may lose humanity altogether.

Winning talking points

BY RUDY SAWYER
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JOHN Nery, Talk of the Town editor, writes with ease and excellence in the tradition of a classic school of thought. Readers who love rhetorical fireworks enjoy his "talking points." To read him with competence, though, one must distinguish eristics from dialectics.

Nery practices the former and he is out to win talking points. A master in the art of disputation, he twists arguments and creates paradoxes to make the worse appear as the better case.

Like a Sophist philosopher, he argues: "Even granting that the US government may be guilty of hypocrisy, of aiding contras in Nicaragua or mujahideen in Afghanistan in the 1980s: does that make the Sept. 11 strike any less an act of terrorism?"

Truly, it is said there is neither light nor reason in sophism. For truth is granted ("even granting that...") but not conceded ("may be guilty of...") and concealed in a rhetorical question ("does that make..."). The question is asked for effect rather than for an answer. One hopes he is not evading truth points to win talking points.

The e-mail writers—Noam Chomsky, Susan Sontag, Robert Fisk, Arun Gandhi, Norman Solomon—are dialecticians. They are presented as a panel in a discussion of the issue: "Did the United States have it coming?" They are not out to win talking points. They are trying to discover the truth. They are non-conformists. They upset traditions and conventions. They do not give unconditional assent to habits and views that are good enough for everyone else. They are dissatisfied souls who believe the potential for peace is always present. They write in the spirit of a Juvenal, a Swift, a Thackeray and whip the world with piercing indignation to shake her out of her complacency and goad her to go soul-searching. Error runs no peril in such chastisement. Their whip, satire, is a harmless social weapon.

Thus, Chomsky leaves us wiser with an alternative choice.

Sontag makes us indignant at her question, but she goads us to look back as we aspire for peace. Fisk gets us angry with his pestering interrogation—but after it we are better because we feel the truth is out.

Ghandhi amuses us with his fine humor. Solomon improves our awareness with his exposition of ABC News analyst Vincent Cannistraro as a former CIA (operative) who assisted terrorists in Afghanistan. He also delights us in his truthfulness.

As free spirits, they fly high, observe and report with precision the level of "the tide of pomp/That beats upon the high shore of this world."

Nery reads each of them well. He knows the pen is a moral weapon. But he sticks to his pragmatic definition of justice as an advantage of the superpower. He prefers to quibble over truth points and win talking points, and so he writes; "The bombing of Iraq was terrible; that is true. But that was an inevitable consequence of Saddam Hussein's invasion of Kuwait—and an unavoidable part of a declared conventional war."

This is sophism. And the sophist leaves us nothing but "talking points" to carp on and on ...

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Talking points

I REGRET not having enough space to run more letters, especially that of Ging Lao, of Binondo, Manila, who wrote: "I don't think trying to point out the past atrocities of the US and those which it continues to participate in would mean playing down the Sept. 11 incident." That, in a handful of words, points to the nub of the issue raised by most of the letter-writers. Would raising America's sordid past—to quote the offending blurb—"make the Sept. 11 strike any less an act of terrorism?"

Mr. Ortega says no, and more besides. His rejoinder is a closely reasoned argument; while it finds fault with the way I handled last Sunday's discussion, it pays this page the high compliment of close and attentive reading. It is a delight to read him. Concerned that I misrepresented the e-mail writers because of a possible need to "justify a certain predetermined conclusion," he asks what criteria were used in the choice of the paragraphs. The answer is: whatever helped construct a precis of the individual argument—given the limits of space. I must—gently—disagree with him when he says the use of Sontag's piece was inappropriate in the context of the main question, to wit: Did the US have it coming? How else are we to understand Sontag's statement that Sept. 11 was "an attack on the world's self-proclaimed superpower, undertaken as a consequence of specific American alliances and actions." How else, but that the US *really* had it coming.

The "perils of ideological thinking" that I referred to means simply this: substituting ideology for thought. On the very day of the terrorist strikes, for instance, at a time when the casualty estimate was still in the tens of thousands, Chomsky's main concern was that a gift had been given the "hard jingoist right." I find this response inappropriate (and thus his sense of compassion suspect), but it is a point on which Ortega and I can have—and do have—different views.

Mr. Sawyer's engaging piece is of a different order altogether. I suspect he is talking about me (he does mention my name), but I cannot recognize myself or last Sunday's "talking points" in his elaborate argument. It is of the straw-man variety (put up a straw man and then knock him down), and it really is quite ingenious. First, he makes a distinction between "truth points" and talking points, and then (after a fashion) concludes: "One hopes (Nery) is not evading truth points to win talking points." Sadly, he labors under a fatal mis-impression, that "talking points" are something to be won. Talking points, of course, are preliminary material, notes put together to help a speaker or a discussant; in the context of this page, they have always been starting points to stimulate a discussion. Second, I envy his apparent intimate familiarity with the e-mail writers. He calls them all dialecticians, seekers after the truth, which makes the straw Nery a sorry, argumentative fellow indeed, running after mere effects. Heck, even *I* don't like him. And third, he asserts that I followed a "pragmatic definition of justice as an advantage of the superpower." Now this point is neither made nor implied in the last issue. Just to be sure, I reread it many times. I couldn't find anything, but then again I suppose I was just being eristic.—***J. Nery***

Russian airliner wrecks Mactan antenna

CEBU CITY—The Mactan Cebu International Airport Authority will file a protest before the Russian Embassy in Manila against the pilot of a Russian commercial airline who damaged over P1.5 million worth of runway lights and antenna when he took off from the airport before dawn Wednesday.

MCIAA general manager said the pilot of the Russian AJT Air International knocked down 19 approach light posts and localizer antenna at the airport's runway number 02 when the aircraft took off on Wednesday dawn after an emergency landing.

"(The pilot was) careless and negligent," Alerre fumed.

Alerre said the Air Transportation Office (ATO) would also file similar protest before the Russian Embassy in Manila against the unidentified pilot.

Alerre said they will ask the Russian Embassy to take appropriate action against the pilot who left without bothering to inform MCIAA about the incident.

Alerre said he was relieved that the plane did not crash, which could have happened judging the damage created on the posts. He said the posts might have been hit by the landing gear of the plane.

The Ilyushin Il-86 plane was carrying 86 passengers and 27 crew from Vladivostok on its way to Melbourne, Australia, when it called in for an emergency landing.

The plane landed at the MCIA shortly after midnight Wednesday and left at 3:33 a.m. No one was reported injured.

Allere said the MCIAA and ATO would also ask the Russian Embassy to oblige the owner of AJT International to pay the cost of repairing and replacing the navigational aids that were totally damaged.

Inocencio Yncierto, head of the navigational aid facility division of ATO, said the damaged antenna alone would cost more than P1 million while the light posts cost about P500,000.

But Alerre said that despite the damage to the approach light, operation is still normal at the airport since they have already temporarily replaced the damaged posts.

He said he has ordered his men to temporarily transfer the approach light installed in the seawater of barangay Ibo to replace the damaged one while waiting for the replacement from Manila.

The localizer antenna, which was totally damaged, will take at least two months to repair, Yncierto said.

The antenna guides pilots when landing their planes by ensuring that they land at the center of the runway, he said.

Yncierto said the antenna allows the pilot to have an "eyeless approach" in the runway because the instrument makes the plane automatically adjust to the center of the runway. *Nestor Ramirez, PDI Visayas Bureau*

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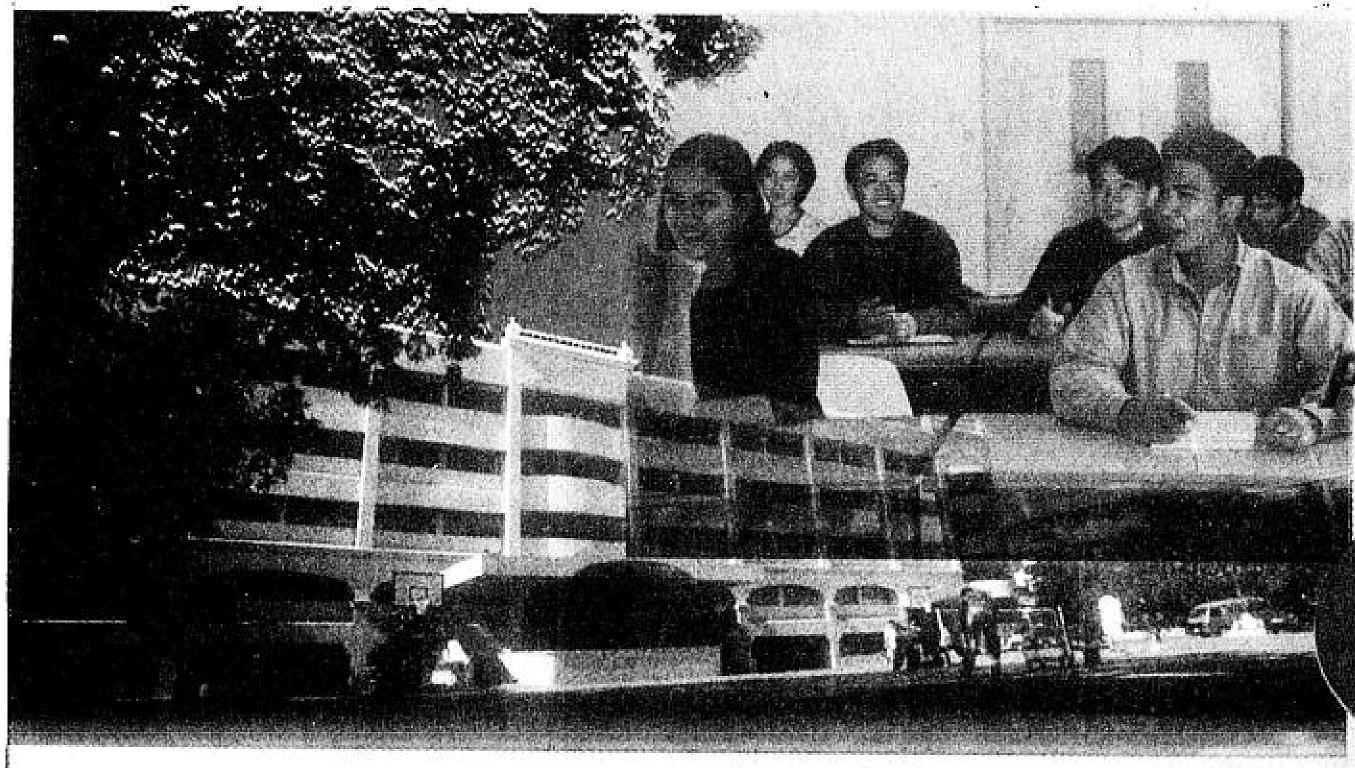

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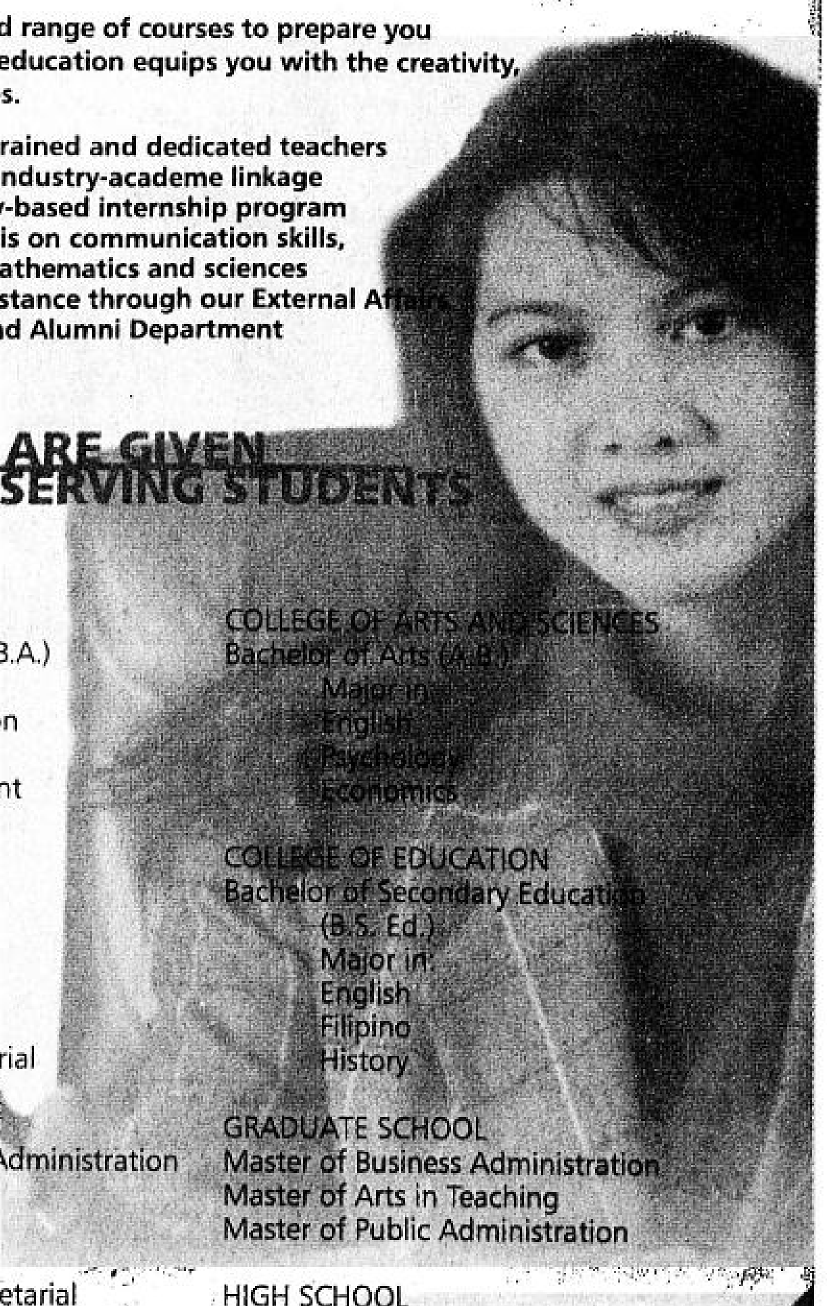

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Protesters rampage in Karachi

KARACHI—Tens of thousands of Islamic demonstrators rampaged through Pakistan's biggest city Friday, shooting and throwing stones at police, as anger over US attacks on Afghanistan exploded into violence.

At least six people were treated in the city's hospitals for bullet wounds, hospital sources said, but there were no reports of fatalities.

However, police said that a paramilitary soldier was killed and others wounded in the northwestern town of Sakha Kot when anti-US protestors stormed a customs check post.

In Karachi the protestors had defied government warnings of a harsh crackdown from security forces to take to the streets of this southern city, which is also Pakistan's main business center.

An AFP reporter saw security forces firing tear gas at the protestors and repeated volleys of live ammunition into the air in a bid to control a stone-throwing crowd that initially numbered about 3,000 people.

As the number of demonstrators rose to about 20,000 after afternoon prayers at mosques, it quickly became apparent the police could not control the situation and they withdrew from the area.

But they returned with reinforcements and the air filled with tear gas as clashes spread throughout the central and western districts of Karachi.

Police said some demonstrators had fired directly on them.

Earlier in the day, hundreds of people tried to set a government complaints office on fire in the poor Lyari district of Karachi.

The protestors broke into the building and ransacked offices but police managed to get them out by firing tear gas before the building could be set ablaze.

Tear gas was also used to disperse a crowd of up to 400 people who attacked a KFC (Kentucky Fried Chicken) outlet in the western district of the city. The outlet, seen as a symbol of American culture, was partially damaged by fire.

Militants attempting to impose a complete shutdown of the city ordered passengers off a bus then set it ablaze.

There were also reports of factories being attacked in the industrial part of western Karachi, which is dominated by ethnic Pashtuns, the main group in Afghanistan and the support base for the ruling Taliban.

Government officials underlined there had been little unrest elsewhere in Pakistan and that the protest movement was not broad-based.

"We are a large country of 140 million people and across the country the situation is normal," said foreign ministry spokesperson Riaz Mohammad Khan.

In the southwestern city of Quetta, another big center for Afghan refugees where five people were killed in demonstrations this week, about 25,000 people gathered at a sporting oval chanting "Death to America."

But with security forces deployed in huge numbers, the rally did not turn violent.

Demonstrators blocked highways around the northwestern city Peshawar, close to the Afghan border, and around 5,000 people gathered in the city center to burn effigies of US President George W. Bush.

One of them, a 19-year-old Afghan refugee called Sajad, said nobody could support the Sept. 11 terror attacks on the United States. "But look at what the Americans are doing in Palestine or Iraq. They are the real terrorists."

A demonstration in the important eastern city of Lahore ended peacefully.

President Pervez Musharraf has offered Pakistan's full cooperation to US-led efforts to wipe out the al-Qaida network of Saudi dissident Osama bin Laden in Afghanistan. *AFP*

WTC's delayed collapse puzzles engineers

HOUSTON—Engineers investigating the collapse of the World Trade Center's twin towers are puzzled how the north tower stood for more than 90 minutes and the south tower for about 50 minutes after being hit by jetliners.

"It's amazing they didn't collapse immediately," Gene Corley, head of the engineering team, told the American Society of Civil Engineer's Convention on Friday.

Although the fire wasn't hot enough to melt the steel columns holding up the towers, the heat from the blaze was enough to weaken them and lead to a collapse, he said.

"Once it starts, the momentum just takes everything out," Corley said. "It's just an amazing amount of energy."

The time that elapsed between the planes crashing into the towers and their collapse enabled thousands of people to escape, and it is something engineers will be keeping in mind.

"We will be looking for things that might increase the time to get out," Corley said.

Corley noted four buildings around the towers partially collapsed, nine had major damage and 18 others had moderate damage.

The engineers hope to a have their initial report within six months. *AP*

'Profane' Japanese arrested

TOKYO—Japanese police said Saturday they had arrested a woman on suspicion of stealing copies of the Koran and destroying them in an incident that infuriated Pakistanis living here.

Police arrested the woman for theft in late September in the coastal town of Kosugi, Toyama prefecture, 250 kilometers northwest of Tokyo, a local police official said.

"The suspect allegedly sneaked into a makeshift mosque from the unlocked door at night when she was wandering around in Kosugi town in early April," the official said.

She allegedly took four copies of the Muslim holy book, the Koran, which she cut up with scissors, he said.

The desecrated Korans and leaflets denigrating Islamic culture were found outside a Pakistani-owned used car dealership, sparking fierce protest among the small Muslim community in Japan.

The police official declined to confirm whether the woman admitted the charges, and her name was withheld, but Jiji Press news agency said she was a jobless woman in her 20s.

Led by Malik Habib Rahman, the secretary general of Pakistan Association of Japan, a nine-person delegation met with foreign ministry officials to hand over a letter of protest. *AFP*

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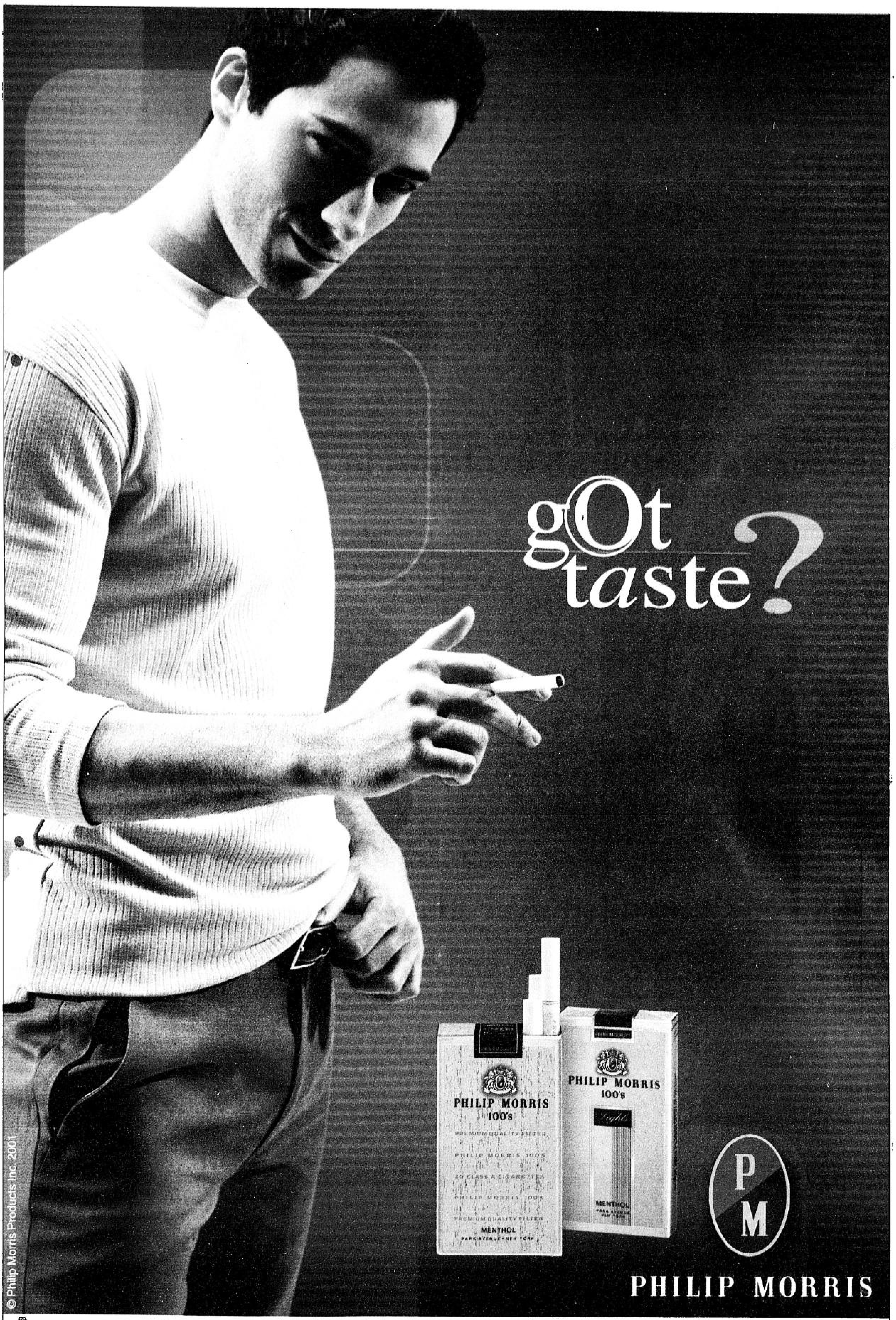
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Ukraine admits its missile might have downed airliner

MOSCOW—Ukraine admitted for the first time on Friday that a Russian passenger airliner which crashed into the Black Sea last week might have been blown out of the sky by a missile test-fired by the Ukrainian military.

All 78 crew and passengers, mostly Russian-born Israelis, died after the Tu-154 jet exploded at high altitude and crashed into the sea on Oct. 4.

Ukraine, whose military had at first denied responsibility, said on Friday a missile from live rocket-firing exercises on the Crimean Black Sea peninsula could have caused the disaster.

"The cause may have been an accidental hit from an S200 rocket fired during Ukrainian exercises," Evhen Marchuk, head of Ukraine's National Security Council, told a news conference to present crash investigators' preliminary findings.

"It is difficult for me, a Ukrainian citizen, to say this, but there is a lot of information in favor of this version," he said in the southern Russian port of Sochi where the investigation is based.

Vladimir Rushailo, head of Russia's Security Council, told the news conference that investigators had concluded the crash resulted from a strike by an anti-aircraft missile warhead.

Initial fears the plane had been the target of terrorism following the September 11 attacks on the United States quickly gave way to suspicions that Ukrainian exercises some 200 km from the crash site were to blame.

Shortly after the disaster, US officials said a spy satellite showed a missile plume in the vicinity of the crash.

Ukraine's military and Defense Minister Oleksander Kuzmuk denied repeatedly in the days after the crash that their forces had been at fault, saying the exercises were out of range of the airliner, bound for Novosibirsk in Siberia from Tel Aviv.

On Thursday, officials revealed Kuzmuk had offered to quit after reports appeared implicating Ukraine but that President Leonid Kuchma had refused his offer, wanting to await the crash report.

On Friday, the defense ministry said it supported Marchuk's statement but gave no further comment. A news conference with senior officials is scheduled for Saturday in Kiev.

Kuchma, himself a former missile factory boss, sought to play down the disaster this week, saying "bigger mistakes have been made." He drew bitter condemnation from Israel.

"When it's not your people then yes, you can make those academic observations," a spokesperson for Prime Minister Ariel Sharon said on Wednesday.

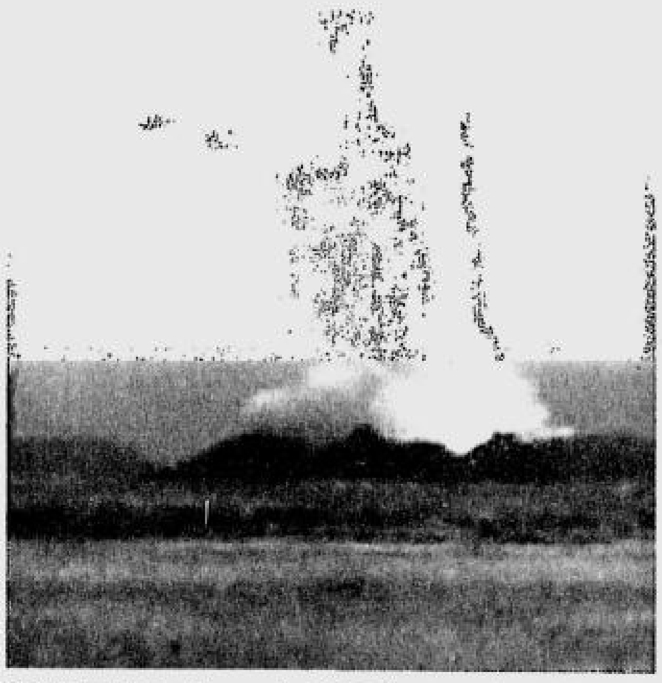
"But the fact is that 78 people, most of them Israelis, were killed or died and therefore for us it's a major tragedy."

A Russian newspaper reported on Thursday the pilot of the doomed jet had known his plane had been hit and medical evidence showed many passengers had been alive as the plane plunged towards earth.

As the stricken jet fell thousands of feet, Russian air traffic control officials said they heard the pilot desperately ask his crew where the airliner had been damaged.

"This is all we heard. The pilot asked one of his crew, "Where are we hit?" Vladimir Zhukov, deputy chief of Russia's North Caucasus air traffic control, told Kommersant newspaper.

Only 15 bodies were found during an air and sea search operation, which was hampered by bad weather. The black box flight recorders remain on the seabed, too deep for easy retrieval at more than 1,000 meters. *Reuters*



UKRAINIAN missile complex S-300 shoots a self-guided missile during a military exercise in eastern Crimea, Oct. 4 in this file photo at about the same time when a Russian Tupolev-154 plane with up to 78 people on board exploded and plunged into the black sea.
REUTERS

S. Korea vows tough action on Sino deaths

BEIJING—South Korea has promised to mete out "severe punishment" to those responsible for the deaths of 25 illegal Chinese immigrants who suffocated on a South Korean boat and were dumped at sea, Chinese state media said Saturday.

Members of the South Korean human smuggling ring believed to be behind the case were still at large, although the skipper and seven crew members of the boat had been arrested, the China Daily said.

The South Korean government had pledged to take steps to prevent a repeat of the incident and hunt down human traffickers, the paper said.

The report of the South Korean steps came after China had publicly demanded South Korean cooperation in the wake of the tragedy.

According to police, on Sunday night the bodies of 25 would-be immigrants were dumped into the sea near the southern port of Yosu, 320 km south of the South Korean capital, Seoul.

Police said 60 people from three provinces in China started the trip on a Chinese boat on Oct. 1 and were transferred at sea to a South Korean fishing vessel.

However only 35 people, including 11 ethnic Koreans, survived the journey. Most were arrested by police when they landed on an island near Yosu.

The 25 who died suffocated in a fish hold with no ventilation and were dumped overboard on Sunday night, investigators said.

Consular officials from China's embassy in South Korea had been to Yosu to question the survivors, who would be repatriated to China next week, the China Daily said. *AFP*

Suspected car bomb explodes in Madrid

MADRID—A suspected car bomb exploded in a car park in central Madrid late on Friday, slightly injuring 14 people close to a spot where King Juan Carlos had attended a military parade earlier in the day, officials said.

Madrid's mayor, Jose Maria Alvarez del Manzano, declined to say whether he believed the explosion was the work of Basque separatist group ETA which often carries out car bombings as part of its violent campaign for Basque independence.

But police officers at the scene said the blast had the hallmarks of an ETA attack.

The explosion in the underground car park in the Plaza de Colon square blew a hole through one of the floors, sending the car plunging to the floor below and damaging nearly 70 other vehicles, officials said early on Saturday.

The vehicle believed to have carried the explosives was taken to the car park on Friday evening by a tow truck after it was parked irregularly in a nearby street, officials said.

News reports said authorities received a call in the name of ETA on Friday morning, warning that a car with explosives had been left in the street, but police found nothing suspicious.

At roughly the same time during the morning, King Juan Carlos, Prime Minister Jose Maria Aznar and other political leaders sat in a temporary grandstand in the Plaza de Colon to watch a military parade marking a Spanish national holiday.

Mayor Del Manzano said two people appeared to have suffered a broken collarbone and a leg injury from the explosion. "The rest of the injuries are not of importance," he said.

A fire brigade officer said 14 people had been treated for injuries, none of which were life-threatening.

Reuters correspondent Daniel Trotta saw smoke coming from the car park and firefighters entering the site wearing breathing apparatus.

The square is at the heart of central Madrid which was packed as usual on a Friday night.

People attending a theatre next to the car park said they were shaken by the blast during the second half of a play.

"We heard the explosion and the building shook but we thought it was part of the show because the actors kept acting," said economist Fernando Garcia Molina. "They kept going until the lights came on and we were all asked to leave calmly." *Reuters*

DAVID ON THE OTHER SIDE—A Palestinian boy uses his slingshot to throw stones at Israeli soldiers during clashes at the entrance of the West Bank town of Bethlehem Oct. 12.
AFP

Israel alarmed over Bush's backing of Palestinian state

GAZA CITY—There was alarm in Israel Friday over US President George W. Bush's latest expression of support for a Palestinian state, while violence between Israel and the Palestinians continued unabated.

Even so, anti-US protests passed peacefully in the Palestinian territories, with police there having been braced for violent clashes with Islamic demonstrators. There had been fears of a repeat of Monday's riots, when police tried to break up a march against the US strikes on Afghanistan.

Israeli press reports Friday said Bush was preparing to become further involved in a region that he had largely left to itself before the Sep. 11 terror attacks on New York and Washington.

They said he would push for establishing a Palestinian state with east Jerusalem as its capital, the aim of the Palestinians but anathema to Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's government.

To add insult to injury, the reports said the plan had been communicated to Egypt, Jordan and Saudi Arabia, but not to Israel.

Israeli officials put a brave face on Bush's latest remarks on the Palestinians, made Thursday in a prime time press conference, but bridled at his gesture to Syria, saying this could give respectability to a regime viewed as a supporter of terrorism.

The White House on Friday diplomatically declined comment on the reports.

"I know nothing beyond what the president said last night," the president's spokesperson, Ari Fleischer, told reporters.

On the ground, the Palestinian Authority blocked the press from entering the al-Maghazi refugee camp south of Gaza City Friday, as radical Islamic Jihad demonstrators rallied in honor of a founding member of the group, slain in the mid-1980s.

The ban on the press, by written decree for the first time, was the latest in a series of moves by the Palestinian Authority since the Sept. 11 terror strikes to muzzle the press from reporting on demonstrations that might voice anti US-sentiments to the world.

Civilians left noontime prayer sessions peacefully across the Gaza Strip, bringing a sigh of relief to most local residents. *AFP*

Fighting rages in breakaway Abkhazia

KODORI GORGE, Georgia—Fierce fighting raged early Saturday in the breakaway region of Abkhazia in Georgia after Tbilisi sent reinforcements into the zone.

The sound of the fighting could be heard in the Kodori gorge, around 15 km from the Abkhaz capital Sukhumi, in western Georgia.

Earlier this week Georgian partisans and displaced Chechen guerrillas launched a bid to retake Sukhumi from the Abkhaz separatists.

Several hundred regular Georgian army troops were sent into the upper part of the gorge overnight.

"We are reinforcing the area around Georgian villages," their commander General Koba Kobaladze said, insisting that they had no intention of getting involved in the fighting a few km away.

Abkhazia claimed de-facto independence from Georgia in 1993 after a war in the early 1990s in which the separatists were supported by Moscow.

Russia sent peacekeepers to Abkhazia and to a security zone in Georgia along its unofficial border with the separatist region.

On Thursday Georgia issued an ultimatum to Russia to pull out its peacekeeping forces from Abkhazia within three months, charging that they had failed to observe their mandate.

Russian President Vladimir Putin told a press conference Friday that Moscow "is not going to meddle in Abkhazia, it is Georgia's internal affair and Russia is ready to withdraw peacekeepers if Georgia wants them out."

Earlier Saturday a spokesperson for Georgian President Eduard Shevardnadze, Kakha Imnadze, hailed Putin's statement as "positive" and "very important," ITAR-TASS news agency reported.

Earlier this week, both Abkhazia and Georgia said their territories had been bombed by planes and helicopters.

Abkhaz spokesmen blamed Georgia, while Tbilisi accused Russian military forces of launching air raids against Georgian villages near the sensitive border region as Georgia and Russia traded charge and countercharge over the situation.

On Monday, nine people, including six UN observers, were killed when rebels shot down a helicopter in Abkhazia. *AFP*

Japan gov't assailed over mad cow response

TOKYO—The Japanese government came under fire for poor crisis management on Saturday, a day after it said tests on a second cow suspected of having mad cow disease were negative.

Japanese media lambasted authorities for inept handling of the situation, noting their response had done little to assuage consumer fears over the brain-wasting disease that has hit Japan's beef industry hard.

On Friday, the Tokyo Metropolitan Government had said it had found a suspected case of mad cow disease at a wholesale meat market in Tokyo, deepening concerns which have mounted since confirmation of the nation's first case last month.

The outbreak in Japan of the disease, formally known as bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE), has slashed sales of home-bred and foreign beef. The government says the beef is safe to eat but few consumers seem to trust that statement.

"Even though further tests proved negative, we cannot feel totally reassured," the daily Mainichi Shimbun said in an editorial.

"The biggest cause of this is foolish optimism and negligence on the part of the authorities. The Agriculture Ministry repeatedly made light of the threat by saying 'this could not happen in Japan,' which has only worsened the confusion."

The Nihon Keizai Shimbun (Nikkei) was even harsher.

"It is undeniable that the government's grandstanding response has increased confusion and distrust," it said.

Asia's first case of the disease, whose human variant—Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease—has killed dozens of people in Europe, was confirmed after a Holstein dairy cow on a farm in Chiba, near Tokyo, tested positive on September 10.

Consumer activists have criticized the government for failing to take steps earlier to prevent an outbreak and for moving too slowly in response to the initial case.

Even Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi has been critical of the initial reaction of the agriculture and health ministries, saying they added to public confusion over the disease.

In an effort to soothe fears, the Health Ministry said on Tuesday it planned to inspect all cattle due to be processed into food from October 18 and tightening up checks for the disease which presently only cover cows aged over 30 months.

Ministry officials said BSE testing would begin at 117 meat hygiene inspection centers nationwide after inspectors had been trained in new testing methods similar to those used in Europe. *Reuters*

Australia bars asylum seekers

SYDNEY—Australia has refused entry to a boat carrying Middle Eastern asylum seekers, while a newspaper reported on Saturday others had hurt their own children and threatened navy staff on their way to Nauru in the Pacific.

Local media said a boat carrying about 200 asylum seekers from either Iraq or Iran had arrived on Friday off Ashmore Reef, a chain of Indian Ocean islands off Australia's northwest, and ignored Australian navy orders to return to Indonesia.

The boat was anchored in Australian waters off Ashmore Reef on Saturday but Immigration Minister Philip Ruddock said those on board would not be allowed on the Australian mainland.

He said the Navy frigate Warramunga would continue warning the boat people that they must turn around while the government examined other avenues, including moving them to another country for assessment of their asylum claims.

"There are a number of options available to us," Ruddock told reporters on Saturday.

Australia has steadfastly refused entry to hundreds of boat people in recent weeks after they arrived at remote Australian Indian Ocean outposts in Indonesian boats.

Canberra instead has brokered multi-million-dollar deals with Pacific neighbors Nauru, Papua New Guinea and New Zealand to take the boat people while their claims for asylum are assessed.

Ruddock said the latest group might be sent to Kiribati.

Australia drew international condemnation when it refused entry to a group of 433 mainly Afghani boat people rescued from their sinking boat in August by a Norwegian container ship. *Reuters*

A MODERN CITY TO HOST APEC
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A view of Shanghai's Pudong district Oct. 13, where the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation meetings will be held from next week. Twenty-one leaders and top officials from the Apec group, including US President George W. Bush, will descend on the city during the week-long summit. Following last month's terror attacks on the US and current US-led retaliation on Afghanistan, China is taking no half-measures to ensure the leaders' safety.

Malaysia to get Russian-made cruise missiles

KUALA LUMPUR—The Malaysian air force has signed an agreement with Russia's state weapons exporter Rosboronexport to buy anti-tank cruise missiles, a company official said.

Cited by the Bernama national news agency, the unnamed Rosboronexport official said the Royal Malaysian Air Force would take delivery soon of Metis-M missiles.

"We signed the agreement in May and the system will be delivered soon," Bernama quoted the official as saying Friday on the sidelines of the Langkawi International Maritime and Aerospace Exhibition.

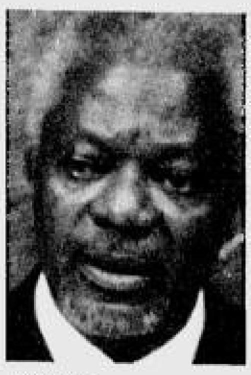
The official said the agreement also provided for the possibility of joint production of the missiles, Bernama reported.

The number of missiles Malaysia would receive and the value of the contract was not immediately clear.

Bernama said Metis-M is made by Molot JSC, the biggest anti-tank cruise missile producer in Russia and is capable of destroying tanks and other armored carriers from a distance of one km.

The missile weighs about 16 kg including a 2.5-kg warhead, and can be handled by two people, Bernama reported. *AP*

Peace Prize laureate Annan lauded worldwide



ANNAN

ACCRA, Ghana—Global leaders congratulated Nobel Peace Prize laureate Kofi Annan, calling him the embodiment of the United Nations' mediation efforts in a quickly changing world.

"The Nobel committee could not have made a better choice," Norwegian Prime Minister Jens Stoltenberg said after Annan and the United Nations were named the winners of the 100th annual peace prize Friday in Oslo, Norway.

US President George W. Bush called Annan to ell him "what a magnificent honor" it was to have won the centennial peace prize, White House press secretary Ari Fleischer said in Washington.

German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder praised Annan's "farsighted work" toward reforming and strengthening the United Nations.

"Particularly in the international community's current confrontation with global terrorism, the United Nations takes on added significance," Schroeder wrote in a letter to Annan.

President Jacques Chirac said Annan "has reminded the international community of its duties," especially in efforts against the use of land mines and child soldiers.

Britain's Prime Minister Tony Blair said in a statement that "no one and no organization is more deserving of this prestigious award."

And no better time for it to be announced, as we struggle to bring to justice those who struck at the heart of the free world just blocks away from the UN headquarters in New York."

In his homeland of Ghana, Annan's award was a matter of national pride.

"Annan has done it again. I think he should be crowned a king," said Julius Asante, a 46-year-old bus driver who put a photo of Annan beside a miniature Ghanaian flag on his bus dashboard.

Annan, 63, became UN secretary general in 1997. He has been praised for his character, moral leadership and focus on an Africa ravaged by civil war and AIDS.

"The one remarkable thing about him is that he's never lost touch with his roots," Ghana's Deputy Foreign Minister Idriss Mustapha said.

Mustapha said the West African nation would hold celebrations and invite Annan home to honor him. "Ghana is proud to have Annan and I'm sure he is proud to be a Ghanaian. We all in the world should share in the honor." *AP*

THE DAILY GOSPEL

Sunday, October 14, 2001
28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: 2 K 5:14-17

Naaman went down to the Jordan where he washed himself seven times as Elisha had ordered. His skin became soft like that of a child and he was cleansed.

Then Naaman returned to the man of God with all his men. He entered and said to him, "Now I know that there is no other God anywhere in the world but in Israel. I ask you to accept these gifts from your servant."

But Elisha answered, "I swear by Yahweh whom I serve, I will accept nothing." And however much Naaman insisted, Elisha would not accept his gifts.

So Naaman told him, "Since you refuse, let me get some sacks of soil from your land—the amount that two mules can carry. I shall use it to build an altar to Yahweh, for I shall not offer sacrifices to any other god but him."

2nd Reading: 2 Tim 2:8-13

Remember Christ Jesus, risen from the dead, Jesus, son of David, as preached in my Gospel. For this Gospel I labor and even wear chains like an evildoer, but the word of God is not chained. And so I bear everything for the sake of the chosen people, that they, too, may obtain the salvation given to us in Christ Jesus and share eternal glory. This statement is true:

If we have died with him, we shall also live with him;
If we endure with him, we shall reign with him;
If we deny him, he will also deny us;
If we are unfaithful, he remains faithful for he cannot deny himself.

Gospel: Lk 17:11-19

On the way to Jerusalem, Jesus was passing along the border between Samaria and Galilee, and as he entered a village, ten lepers came to meet him. Keeping their distance, they called to him, "Jesus, Master, have pity on us!" Then Jesus said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." Now, as they went their way, they found they were cured. One of them, as soon as he saw he was cleansed, turned back praising God in a loud voice, and throwing himself on his face before Jesus, he gave him thanks. This man was a Samaritan.

Then Jesus said, "Were not all ten healed? Where are the other nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God but this alien?" And Jesus said to him, "Stand up and go your way; your faith has saved you."

Commentary

Ten lepers are cured by Jesus as he passes by, but only one, a Samaritan, a foreigner of different religion, sees salvation in his healing. Seeing is the biblical expression of the highest experience of God. In the Bible, leprosy is the figure for the state of sin. One cannot see God in sin. The other nine fail to see the meaning of their healing. Their healing distracts them from seeing further. They go their own way. Here is a lesson on the danger of directing attention to the miracle of healing rather than to the sight of faith. The Samaritan's seeing converts him to faith and he returns and gives praise to Jesus. His initial cry for healing becomes salvation for him.

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REMEDIAL LAW (CIVIL PROCEDURE)—Tests to determine whether or not the counterclaim is compulsory—In Valencia v. Court of Appeals (263 SCRA 275 [1996]), this Court capsulized the criteria or tests that may be used in determining whether a counterclaim is compulsory or permissive, summarized as follows: 1. "Are the issues of fact and law raised by the claim and counterclaim largely the same?"; 2. "Would *res judicata* bar a subsequent suit on defendant's claim absent the compulsory counterclaim rule?"; 3. "Will substantially the same evidence support or refute plaintiff's claim as well as defendant's counterclaim?"; 4. Is there any logical relation between the claim and the counterclaim?" Another test, applied in the case of Quintanilla v. Court of Appeals (279 SCRA 397 [1997]) is the "compelling test of compulsoriness" which requires "a logical relationship between the claim and counterclaim, that is, where conducting separate trials of the respective claims of the parties would entail a substantial duplication of effort and time by the parties and the court." [Citations omitted.] [Justice Gonzaga-Reyes, Third Division, Adlay v. FGU Insurance Corporation, G.R. No. 138822, January 23, 2001]

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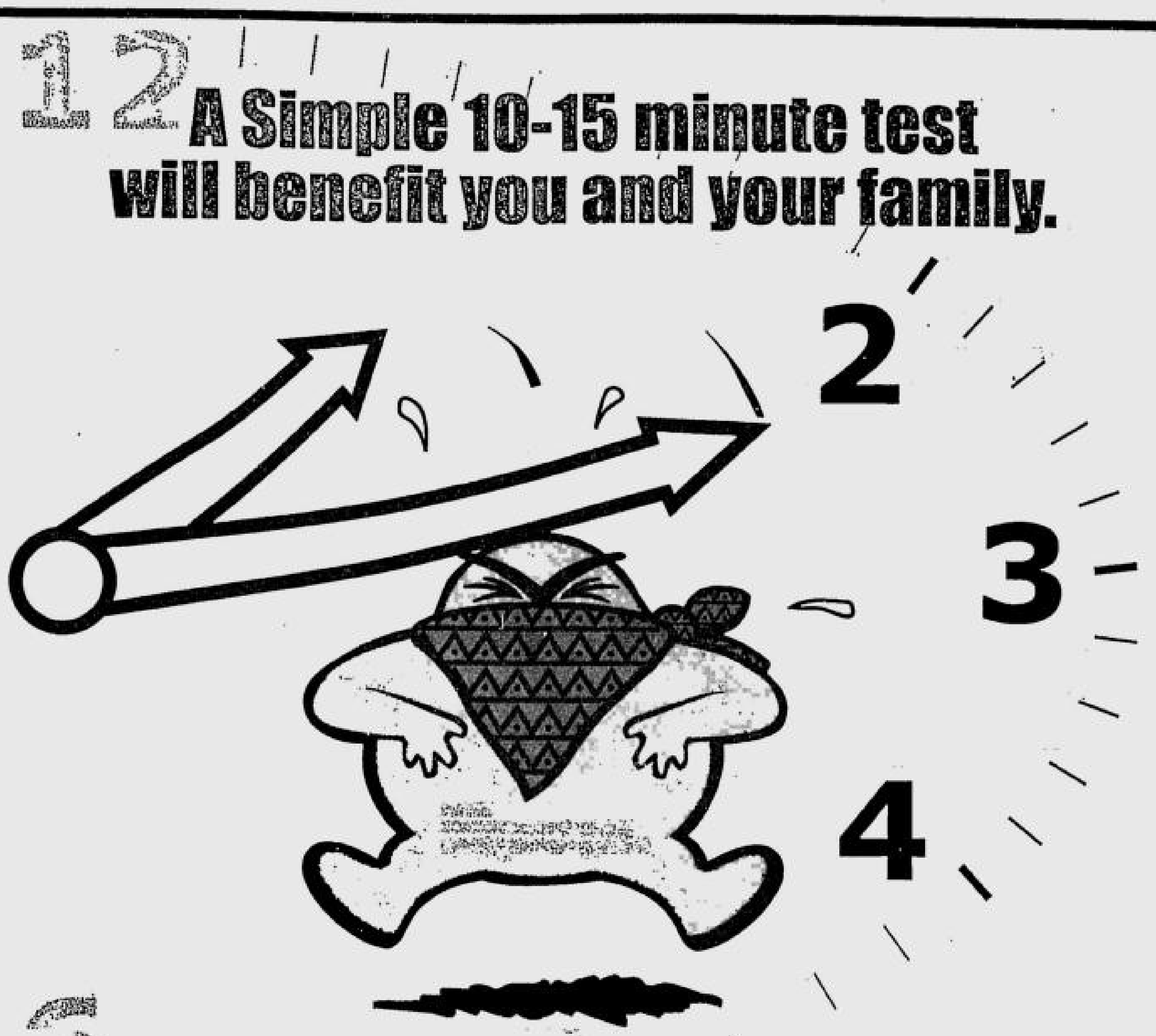

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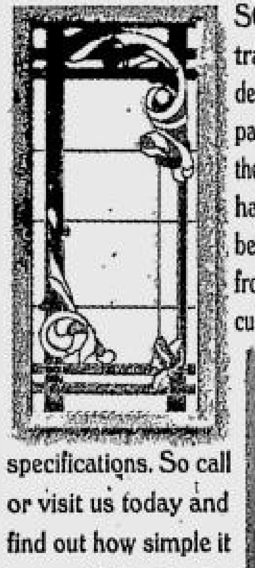

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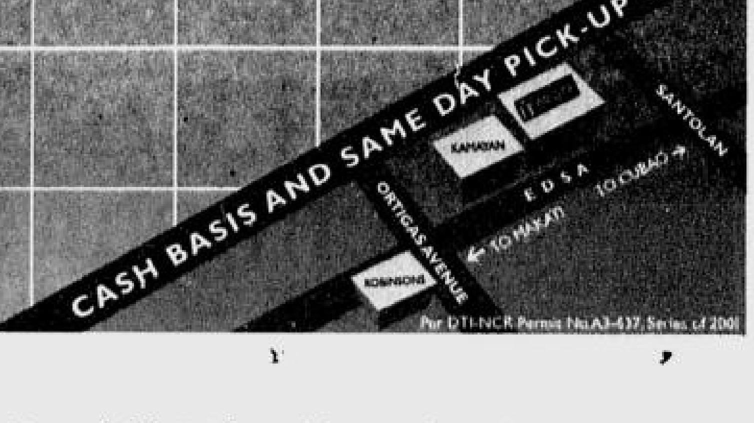

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Auditor's burial exposes new leads to ambush-killing

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EVELYN Chan cries for justice for her husband's death during the burial of the former Ilocos Sur auditor on Saturday at the Baguio Memorial cemetery in Baguio City.
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BAGUIO CITY—Murdered Ilocos Sur auditor Agustin Chan Jr. was buried here on Saturday, amid new revelations from a provincial official that linked new cases of tobacco tax malversation to the administration of then Gov. Luis "Chavit" Singson.

Chan was looking into several provincial disbursements worth P139.6 million from Ilocos Sur's share from tobacco excises taxes before the May 14 elections when he and his driver, Alex Ragacho, were ambushed on Oct. 4 on his way home to Baguio, said Board Member Edgardo Zaragoza.

Singson, in a telephone interview, insisted that the Commission on Audit already cleared him when he stepped down from office.

"*Awan ta amu dita. Nalinis met ti record ko* (We don't know anything about that. My record is clean)," he said.

Zaragoza, who won under the opposition Liberal Party in the May 14 polls, said he had been in close contact with Chan from the time the auditor began looking into the disbursements from tobacco share allocations that benefited various charity groups, cooperatives and institutions in the province.

One of the disbursements was a whopping P26 million released to an institution, which the provincial government had neither accredited nor had direct supervisory control, Zaragoza told the INQUIRER.

Most of these multimillion-peso transactions involved purchases and unaccounted for releases, which were pushed toward the end of Singson's term of office.

"I am an accountant and I found it strange that the government was able to issue million-peso releases almost overnight. This happened on the days after the elections," Zaragoza said.

His last talk with Chan was on Sept. 30, four days before he was assassinated.

Twenty-six members of Chan's Batch 1965 at the St. Louis University Boys High School bore the auditor's casket from the St. Vincent Church on Naguilian Road to the Baguio Memorial Park.

Most of his classmates raised their fists when Chan's coffin was finally lowered to the ground, yelling: "Raise your fists if you are grieving."

Evelyn, Chan's widow, broke down and shouted: "*Bannuar ngem natay met* (He may be a hero but he is still a dead hero).

Ragacho was also laid to rest here last Wednesday. His friends said he had been preparing to resign as Chan's driver because of threats to their lives.

"Ragacho was also a driver of Lepanto Consolidated Mining Corp. and he had been telling our company drivers that he did not feel safe anymore. Both he and Chan were receiving messages warning them to be careful," said Flor Fajilan, LCMC personnel manager.

Only a small delegation from Ilocos Sur attended Chan's burial.

Ilocos Sur Gov. Deogracias Victor Savellano told the INQUIRER that he had prepared for a bus trip for provincial employees, but he said only a handful managed to go. Savellano himself said he could not make it because of his radio program that was scheduled on the same day in Vigan City.

Zaragoza discounted speculations, raised last week by former President Joseph Estrada, that Chan was killed because of his forthcoming testimony that would benefit Estrada in his plunder trial at the Sandiganbayan.

Sen. Luisa "Loi" Estrada briefly attended a small Mass at the Baguio City Hall on Saturday, where necrological services were offered a day before.

"(Chan) is a witness for Erap . . . I will initiate a Senate inquiry into (Chan's) murder," the senator told reporters here before she left the city.

Zaragoza said police and Ilocos Sur officials found Estrada's effort a speculation for political convenience, despite pieces of evidence that point to Chan's audit of provincial government disbursements.

As early as March, Singson's administration had been criticized in Ilocos Sur radio stations about apparent evidence of malversation involving the tobacco tax shares, he said.

Zaragoza pointed out that most of these charges surfaced after Singson blew the whistle on Estrada during his aborted impeachment trial last year.

"This means that Singson's immunity does not cover these particular financial anomalies. It does not even cover the previous anomalies, which Chan might have also uncovered," he said. ***With a report from Jovelyn Reyes, PDI Northern Luzon Bureau***

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Nov. 13, 2001 (Tuesday)
EFFECTIVE INFLUENCING SKILLS
Alan Barker, Regional Director for Asia Pacific, Strategic Consulting Services Inc. and Director, IMPACT Consultancy Group (SCS Philippine partner), will discuss the importance of influencing skills in leadership and identify the underlying motive, thought patterns and competencies needed in the skillful use of influence. He will illustrate how one can acquire these competencies and supporting skills for more effective leadership.

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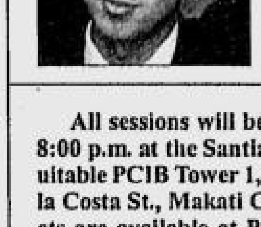
Josie Santamaria, President, Career Systems, Inc., will talk about the nature of conflict and attitudes and behaviors of people in conflict, identify the best way to manage conflict, outline the steps in conflict resolution, and teach you how to apply these techniques in your particular situation.



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All sessions will be conducted from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. at the Santiago Hall, Mezzanine, Equitable PCIB Tower 1, Makati Ave. cor. H. V. de la Costa St., Makati City, Metro Manila. Tickets are available at P250 (balcony), P300 (orchestra) and P350 (orchestra patron). Early bird discount of 10% shall be given to the first 100 registrants per seminar. Registration fee includes handouts and certificate of completion. Snacks will NOT be served because eating in the auditorium is prohibited.

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Cebu City police chief, 3 others in drug bust sacked

By Jhunnex Napallacan
and Kathy I. Navarro
PDI Visayas Bureau

CEBU CITY—The city police chief and three of his men were relieved from their posts yesterday following alleged irregularities in the arrest of three suspected drug dealers on Sept. 7.

Chief Supt. Avelino Razon Jr., regional police director, ordered the relief of Senior Supt. Hiram Benatiro, acting city police director; his deputy chief for operations, Supt. Marciano del Mar; Detective Bureau chief SPO3 Perfecto Codiñera; and SPO2 Ronilo Nabua.

The four will undergo pre-charge investigation to determine administrative offenses that would be leveled against them in a summary dismissal proceeding.

Razon's order was based on the recommendation of a five-member investigating panel headed by Senior Supt. Alejandro Lapinid who found several lapses in the arrest of and the filing of charges against Giovanni "Nanan" Jimenez, Tata Jimenez and Victor Ceniza.

The team headed by Codiñera arrested the three suspects. Police also confiscated a Starex van and 337.97 grams of shabu (methamphetamine hydrochloride).

The panel, however, said the arresting group "deliberately reduced the volume/weight of the confiscated shabu, thereby eliminating the probability of the existence of a heinous crime and dangerously reducing the nature of the offense and giving the accused a chance to freedom by posting bail bond."

It noted clear violations of the standard operating procedure and the rules of engagement in that operation, such as:

● The witness was allowed to participate in the search, the confiscated shabu was not immediately submitted for laboratory examination, and the search warrant was not returned within the reglementary period of 72 hours after its service.

● Failure to deliver the suspects to the courts or detention cell.

● No officer other than the city director supervised the operations.

● No genuine attempt to immediately rectify the errors committed by the office.

● The confiscated evidence (such as the van) was not turned over to the evidence custodian.

The panel also noted that despite Codiñera's training, experiences and skills as a police officer, he omitted in the application of the search warrant a surveillance report and photos of the subjects and objects of a search warrant.

It found Benatiro liable for not supervising his men and recommended for his relief based on the principle of command responsibility.

However, Benatiro and his three men were cleared of the allegation that they received a P1.8-million bribe for the release of a Taiwanese/Thai suspect, an alleged member of a Hong Kong triad drug syndicate.

Yesterday, Benatiro said he immediately vacated his post but added that the recommendation of the panel was unfair.

WEATHER FORECAST

FORECAST: The whole country will experience mostly cloudy skies with scattered rainshowers an thunderstorms becoming widespread rains over Eastern Luzon.
SOURCE: PAGASA

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Legazpi	Cloudy with rains	HI 29° Lo 24°
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Cagayan de Oro	Mostly cloudy with rains	HI 30° Lo 23°
Davao	Mostly cloudy with rains	HI 32° Lo 25°

Compiled by: Armin P. Adina, PDI Research/10/14/01

ROUNDUP

Bogus Philhealth checks

CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY—The Philippine Health Insurance Corp. has warned against fake Philhealth checks proliferating in Northern Mindanao. Rizalino Martinez, Philhealth regional executive assistant, said his office had been receiving complaints about the bogus checks from Butuan City and some parts in Bukidnon. Most of the fake checks were presented as payment for goods while others were cashed at "tempting discounts."
Butch D. Enerio, PDI Mindanao Bureau

Teaching jobs for sale

MATI, Davao Oriental—An education official here urged victims of "teaching-jobs-for-sale" to file charges. Custodio Ceballo, assistant schools division superintendent, said he had received reports of education officials asking money from applicants in exchange for positions. At least two teacher-applicants earlier told the INQUIRER that they paid P20,000 after they were promised teaching jobs. The promises were not fulfilled.
Ferdinand O. Zuasola, PDI Mindanao Bureau

Cost-cutting measures

MATI, Davao Oriental—Gov. Maria Elena Palma Gil has restricted the use of the provincial capitol's air-conditioned conference hall to cut down on electric consumption. Palma Gil now holds her meetings at the capitol's open-air alley. She said about P18,000 would be saved monthly in electric bills. Those who want to use the conference hall, she said, must pay a daily rental of P700. But meetings about security concerns are exempted from the new policy, she said.
Ferdinand O. Zuasola, PDI Mindanao Bureau

Drug suspect shot dead

SAN PABLO CITY—An alleged drug pusher was killed in a shootout with lawmen in Barangay II-E, San Anton District here. Supt. Ramon Dominguez, city police chief, said the suspect, Rodel Peria, 37, was shot dead by PO2 Mario Villanueva of the city police's intelligence division. Dominguez said that about 4:30 p.m., the police checked reports that illegal drug syndicate members were frequenting Barangay II-E. When the suspect noticed the lawmen, he allegedly opened fire, prompting Villanueva and his companions to fire back.
Romulo O. Ponte, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau

Councilor shot over 8210

LEGAZPI CITY—A councilor of Malinao town in Albay was shot when he resisted gang members who tried to get his cellular phone. Councilor Abner Cargullo said one of the five teenage-looking suspects approached him around 9:45 p.m. while he was about to board his car beside a bank here and asked for his 8210 Nokia cell phone. Cargullo said he resisted, but the other gang members came and tried to maul him. The victim said that as he ran toward a crowded area, he was shot with a .22 cal. revolver. He was brought to the Ago Medical Center here.
Job Belen, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau

Manila-San Fernando railway

SAN FERNANDO CITY—The rebuilding of a railway system from Manila to this city—passing through Bulacan, Pampanga, Tarlac and Pangasinan—may begin next year, Speaker Jose de Venecia said here. The Manila-San Fernando railroad is one of six railway projects worth P700 million that De Venecia has recommended to President Macapagal-Arroyo for simultaneous construction to boost the country's economy. The proposed railway system includes the railroad routes of Manila-Legazpi City, Legazpi-Sorsogon, Calamba(Laguna)-Batangas, Iloilo City-Roxas City, and Iligan City-Cagayan de Oro City.
Gia Damaso Dumo, PDI Northern Luzon Bureau

Petitions for land titles

SAN FERNANDO CITY—The provincial board of La Union has asked President Macapagal-Arroyo to step in to hasten the reconstruction of land titles and transfer certificates of title filed with the Land Registration Authority. The deluge of petitions came after the Registry of Deeds office in La Union was razed by fire in September last year. Board Member Reynaldo Dulay said the LRA had reconstituted only 384 land titles of the more than 96,000 certificates of titles destroyed by the fire.
Gia Damaso Dumo, PDI Northern Luzon Bureau

New league president

SAN FERNANDO CITY—Councilor Francisco Emmanuel Ortega III of this city was sworn in as the new president of the 204-member Philippine Councilors League-La Union chapter during induction rites here last week. Speaker Jose de Venecia administered the oath to Ortega, a three-term council member and son of La Union Rep. Manuel Ortega.
PDI Northern Luzon Bureau

Ifugao ritual sends shivers to Vizcaya folk

BAYOMBONG, Nueva Vizcaya—An Ifugao ritual for the dead sent shivers to villagers here Thursday, following the discovery of a coffin that was floating along the Magat River.

The casket, it turned out, was what was left of a *bogwa*, an Ifugao ritual meant to give reverence to the tribe's dead by retrieving one's remains from the grave and bringing these back home.

Residents were shocked to find the coffin floating at a shallow portion of the river in Barangay Paitan here, 3 km from the municipal cemetery and about 500 meters from downtown Bayombong.

Suspecting robbery, police traced the brass metal casket to one Sofia Pinkihan, based on the testimony of a local photographer who covered her burial in 1996.

"I was very sure because that (coffin) was the only one of its kind among all the burials that I had covered," Cerilo Miranda said. "That was imported all the way from the (United) States."

The coffin, said to be worth P150,000, did not contain a person's remains, but carried a black bag stuffed with clothes and an Ifugao woman's attire that was believed to have been worn by the dead.

"When she was buried, the relatives placed inside her coffin sets of gold jewelry and gold coins," Miranda said. "The robbers knew those (valuables) were inside."

They were wrong.

In *bogwa*, the relatives open the grave of a dead loved one to recover his or her remains, which are then wrapped in a *bayyaong*, a native woven cloth.

The wrapped remains, usually the person's complete set of skeletons, are usually laid outside the house for a minimum of three days.

During this period, the family would have to butcher pigs or carabaos as a way of pleasing the Ifugao gods.

After the ritual, the coffin and other personal things that were previously buried with the dead are then left behind, according to Ifugaos living here.

Police said the *bogwa* held here was staged by Pinkihan's son Ferdinand, village chair of Masoc. Ferdinand was seen at the cemetery loading the casket into a vehicle around midnight Wednesday.

Police said they would ask Pinkihan to explain.

"There might be a violation of an ordinance on sanitation here, but we have referred the matter to Mayor (Elpidio) Dulay, and he will decide on what actions will be taken," Chief Insp. Dominador Villalobos, Bayombong police chief, said.

Melvin Gascon, PDI Northern Luzon Bureau

2 more 'lumads' killed in Bukidnon

BY JOEY R.B. LOZANO
PDI Mindanao Bureau

DON CARLOS, Bukidnon—As the Catholic Church celebrates Tribal Filipino Sunday today, the Manobos in Bukidnon are mourning the death of two tribal members who were killed by still unidentified armed men.

The occasion normally calls for understanding the plight of the tribes and seeks the promotion and protection of their rights as distinct peoples. At 6:20 a.m. yesterday, Ananias Tahuyan, 50, and Rodolfo Dazing, 42, were shot dead.

Tahuyan, a board member of the San Luis Bukidnon Native Farmers Association (SLNBFA), Dazing and several others were on their way to join their group for the global positioning system (GPS) survey of their land claims when they were waylaid along the trail.

Two of the victims' companions, including a 10-year-old boy, managed to run to safety after the first burst of gunfire.

Dazing was shot in the forehead and died on the spot. Tahuyan, who was hit in the arms and thigh, managed to run back toward the national highway but died later due to massive blood loss.

Policemen, led by Senior Insp. Paquito Catin Jr., arrived three hours after the incident from their station, which is only about 8 kilometers away.

They said they would investigate the incident, but tribal members doubt whether there would be any result.

The Manobos said the incident could be part of a wave of assaults against them for asserting their claims over portions of their ancestral domain.

Early last month, Samuel Bento, chair of the Tribal Organization of San Jose in Maramag was killed by a lone attacker while on his way home.

Police have yet to release a result of their investigation.

On Sept. 27, masked men fired at the house of another tribal leader, Datu Marcial Tahuyan. The datu was out of the house then, but Virginia Tahuyan, wife of the slain board member, was wounded.

Virginia was discharged from the hospital only last Tuesday and was still recuperating when her husband was killed.

Both the SLBNFA and the TOSJ belong to Nakamata, a coalition of 10 indigenous peoples' organization in south-central Bukidnon, which is in the forefront of the recovery of the *lumads'* ancestral land in the area.

Nakamata is a partner of Witness, a New York-based human rights organization.

Nakamata officials said they believed the people behind the latest attack and those in the past days were the same.

Last week, according to them, a government official opposed to the efforts of the *lumads* to regain their land domain allegedly threatened to shoot tribal members if they pursue the survey.

The survey will determine the boundaries of the *lumad* land claims. However, the area is now planted with sugarcane by "high-ranking officials of the town," according to the tribal leaders.

The spate of attacks on the Manobos has also alarmed foreign-based human rights groups.

Only recently, they aired their concern in letters to President Macapagal-Arroyo and other officials, and asked that the tribes be protected against aggressions.

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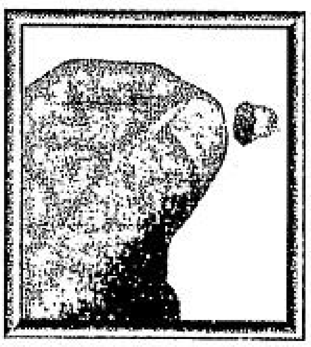

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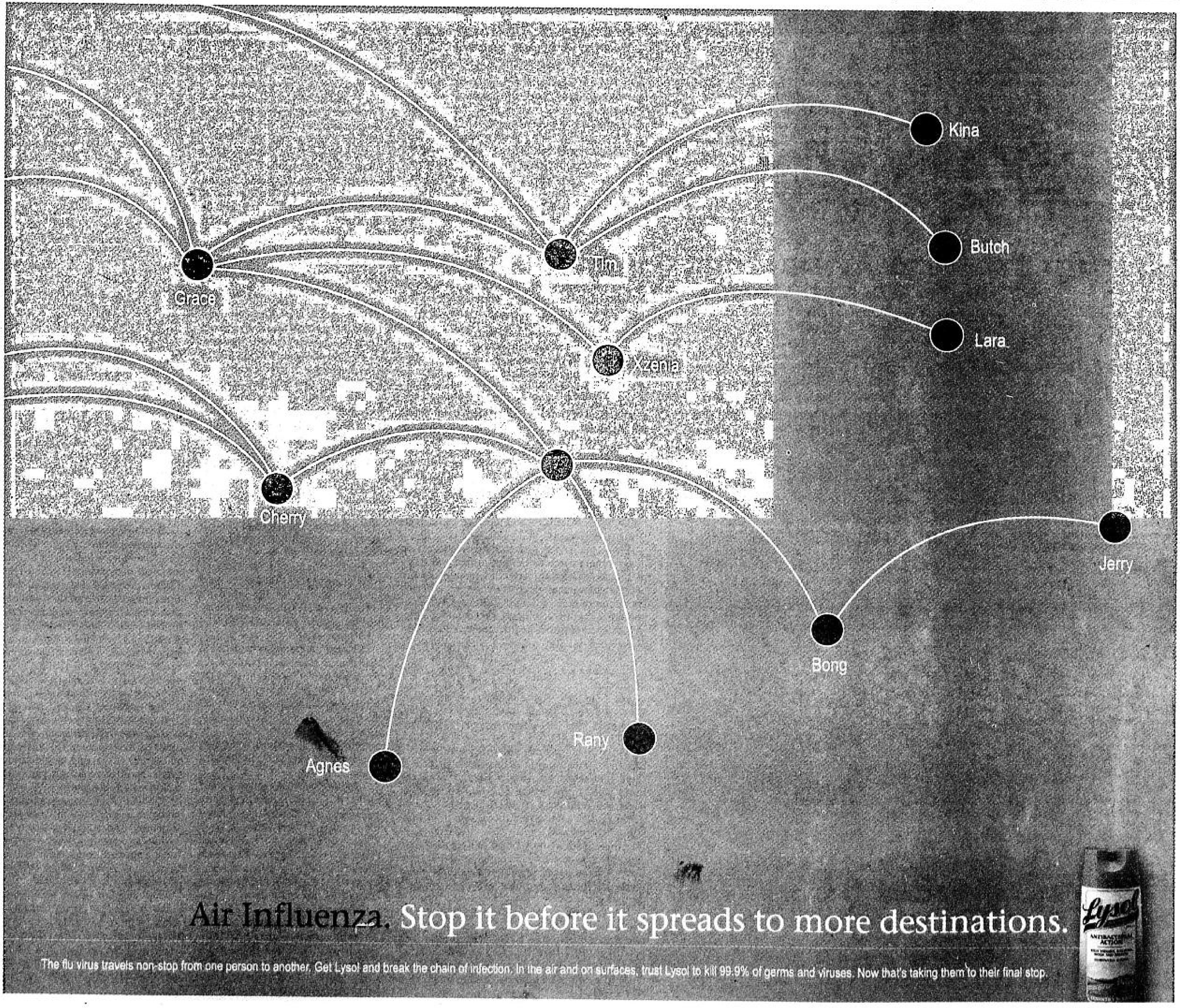

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TABANG MINDANAO II

From conflict areas to peace sanctuaries

BY ROSA-MAY V. DE GUZMAN
North Cotabato

DEPOSED President Joseph Estrada was their worst nightmare. When he launched an "all-out war" against the Moro Islamic Liberation Front last year, he did not think of its aftereffects.

Hundreds of people died. Hundreds of thousands were displaced. Tens of thousands of students were deprived of education.

People went hungry and had nowhere to run to.

In just one year, more than 500 incidents of armed conflict were recorded to have erupted in various parts of Mindanao. People watched their houses and properties burst into flames and disappear.

No one can imagine how long the people would wait inside the filthy makeshift houses that they called "home" as they counted on government support. One day, they hoped, they could return to their own land and start life anew.

In the middle of that dream appeared Tabang Mindanaw, a multisectoral humanitarian organization initiated by business, private foundations, church and the media, in alliance with government agencies, to sustain the needs of Christians, Muslims and indigenous peoples (IPs) or *lumads*.

Tabang has been dealing with these three diverse cultures, with distinct traditions, principles of governance and faiths.

Over P74 million has been raised from individuals, organizations, corporations and public agencies here and abroad, including Pope John Paul II.

A BOY takes care of his younger brothers sleeping on hammocks in Barangay Dungguan in Carmen, Cotabato.
RYAN LIM/PDI MINDANAO BUREAU

Tabang, through its local Church partners in the cities of Cotabato, Kidapawan, Marawi and Iligan and supported by countless volunteers from all sectors, was able to reach out to 26,471 evacuee-families in regular relief assistance, 10,930 persons in medical and hospitalization assistance, and 1,622 children under its psychosocial program intervention.

Originally, the initiative was meant to aid families who were affected by the drought in Mindanao in April 1998. It had helped 900,000 families affected by the El Niño. Most were IPs.

On Sept. 7, 1998, Tabang Mindanaw II was launched to help *lumad* groups attain long-term food security through the practice of sustainable agriculture, coupled by functional literacy and community health program, water systems development, diversified reforestation and land tenure.

Consistent with the humane cause for which Tabang was founded, the task force launched "Tabang Evacuees!!!" on May 7, 2000 as a crisis humanitarian response to help the civilian victims of armed conflicts.

Barely three years in existence, it has documented millions of displaced tri-people. Tabang has never lost hope; its relief assistance continued for evacuees in areas pounded by mortar attacks.

Faced with the challenge to provide an immediate response to the needs of the civilian evacuees, Tabang began a food relief program in May for 25,000 families.

'Go home, evacuee'

Tabang believes that relief assistance cannot continue forever. The situation must normalize so that the evacuees can safely go back to their villages and start life anew. The last recourse is to organize an orderly return and assist the evacuees in their communities as "sanctuaries of peace" or "*kalilintad.*"

"Go home, evacuee" is not as simple as that. They will if they can. Every evacuee's dream is to return to his own home. They plead for peace to reclaim their dignity shattered by war. They need support for shelter, livelihood, schools, farm inputs and animals, water pumps and more.

But they refuse to go back to their original places for fear of being caught in the crossfire.

In August, Tabang began the Integrated Return and Rehabilitation Program (IRRP), which aims to achieve peace and progress by starting the tri-people extensive rehabilitation program.

The TM-IRRP focuses on the return of the people to their land and their peaceful living. Like President Macapagal-Arroyo's dream of healing and rebuilding, Tabang has popularized it, confident that war will no longer be the choice.

The program is for the victims of war, to rebuild and rediscover their communities.

Beneficiaries

In Barangay Nalapaan in Pikit, the program's pilot area, 387 families are now harvesting new crops and living in peace. This came about after a series of dialogues and consultations were conducted among the local government units, military commanders, MILF forces, and the evacuees. The families identified their needs during the meetings.

The TB-IRRP now operates in 34 communities in Lanao del Sur, Maguindanao and North Cotabato.

Tabang is optimistic about the promise of the military and MILF forces to fully respect and support the people's desire to rebuild and rehabilitate Nalapaan and declare it as their "sanctuary of peace."

Since the group's founding, a number of developmental activities have already been implemented. These included leadership, awareness building and peace education; building and repair of houses, school buildings, mosques and other facilities; training on sustainable agriculture, livelihood, health and nutrition, supplementary feeding for children; psychosocial intervention; construction of artesian wells and shallow tube wells; and the assessment of their land status.

On Sept. 14, the TM-IRRP visited Sitio Dungguan in Carmen town. After the visit, Dungguan was no longer what it was at the height of the war.

Muslim, Christians and *lumads* now work together. The people's dream to return to their homeland became a reality. Housing units were built, while *bao-bao* (farm tractors) were donated. Women now engage in different livelihood projects while their husbands till the soil.

Ambassador Howard Dee, TB-IRRP president, has had several encounters with the refugees. "I have heard several stories of war, but theirs are tormenting angst worsened by their present situation."

Fr. Anthony Billones, area coordinator in Dungguan in Carmen, said: "Peace is everyone's responsibility. Each one should take part in peace effort. Peace is an effort called for by each faith, since we all belong to one God. We are all children of the same God who created us."

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Finding solutions to 'Moro problem'

BY SAMIRA ALI GUTOC

A FUTURE congressman, a commissioner, a *shariah* lawyer and some activists sat across the table. What could they have in common?

It was a reunion of sorts. Muslim youth leaders who organized street rallies in the early '90s gathered in Laguna last week for a "Moro Youth and Professionals Consultation" to tackle the complex "Moro problem."

Abdul Jalal Siddique, 35, a shariah law topnotcher from Lanao del Sur, cited the persistent problems of poverty, misgovernance, lack of education and other issues that have continually cropped up. Complaints, angst and frustration seem to have prevailed among the young, he said.

"But we wouldn't be here talking and finding solutions if we were not hopeful," countered Kong Sanguid, 33, an executive of the National Youth Commission (NYC). Sanguid grew up and attended five schools in her native province of Maguindanao during the martial law period.

ARMM elections

Less than a month from now, the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao will conduct elections for governor down to assemblymen.

"Where did we go wrong?" seemed to be foremost in the participants' minds.

Despite its funding, the ARMM remains to be the poorest region in the country (based on the human development index) with the lowest life expectancy, highest infant mortality rate and worst educational performance (in terms of number of schools and out-of-school youth).

The youth leaders agreed: We Moros were not on the right track. A self-analysis was needed. And the youths had to be part of the solution.

Looking back at history should be a starting point. Quoting national hero Jose Rizal, Michael Mastura, a prominent academician, reechoed: "*Ang hindi marunong lumingon sa kanyang pinanggalingan ay hindi makararating sa kanyang paroroonan* (A person who does not look back at where he or she came from will never reach his or her destination)."

This writer traced the Muslim youth's situation by delving on the historical "achievements" of Muslim governance in the Philippines. With political and socioeconomic structures in place, the youths bear the heritage of an organized leadership that is nowhere at present.

Mastura, in an earlier forum of the Asian Institute of Journalism, extensively described the development of Moro communities in Southeast Asia in the 12th century, affirming the international recognition of Moro datus who entered into treaties and passed laws at that time.

On one occasion, Manila Mayor Lito Atienza celebrated Moro influence in the city, saying, "*Galing tayo sa marangal na lahi: matino, may gobyerno, malinis* (We came from a decent race: rational, with a government, clean)."

Resurgence

The Islamic resurgence was only apparent in the '60s and '70s with the advent of political Islam in the Middle East. The period also saw the emergence of Moro intellectuals who received both Islamic and Western education.

Professionals and traders in Mindanao migrated during the martial law regime to the North, a springboard of Muslim communities in Luzon, Metro Cebu and other provinces.

The revolutionary movements at that time called for a political restructuring to grant statehood to the Moro areas. But the grant, in the form of autonomy, has not been successful for lack of people with managerial skills.

Politics in the Moro areas was spoofed as a "breeding ground for discontent."

"Malacañang Liberation Front" or "*Dahil sa ARMM, lalo pang nagkakagulo* (ARMM compounds the problem)" were some of statements made by Mujiv Hataman (Basilan), first nominee of the Anak Mindanao party-list group, in referring to the "disunity" of Moro leaders and groups in promoting "self-governance."

"*Mayroon ngang* arm (ARMM), *pero walang* body (An ARMM without a body)," Siddique said in jest.

How come East Timor, after only a few years, got independence, while Moro areas could not do so for 400 years? Sanguid asked.

Moro rights

The right to self-determination, activist Erwin Gaerlan said, was explicitly provided for in "international instrumentalities," such as the Geneva Protocol, to which the Philippines is a signatory.

Human rights violation was also a major issue.

Street activist and Quiapo Islamic Center leader Ayubkhan Saripada said violations, like warrantless searches, saturation drives and indiscriminate firing during buy-bust operations, which also happen in Quiapo, have led to the killing of innocent Moro civilians.

There was also a call for a fair media. We are all branded terrorists, complained the participants in the light of the Sept. 11 suicide attacks on the World Trade Center in New York City and the Pentagon in Washington.

"Those with goaties should shave," said Maranao Mamainte, pointing at the bearded young participants.

Just recently, five youths wearing white Arab clothing were sent back to Pakistan shortly after their arrival at the Ninoy Aquino International Airport. They were suspected as terrorists.

At the AIJ forum, media was cited as a potential barrier to the peace process in focusing more on sensationalism and creating stereotypes.

Small successes

But there were small successes to celebrate.

Two Muslims topped the recent board examinations for electrical engineers, a big feat in Moro areas.

At the University of the Philippines, a movement for Muslim and Christian dialogue is being promoted by Christian students themselves.

"We have seen concrete progress," said Jali Lais (Kalagan) of the Al Fatiha Foundation, referring to socioeconomic projects being implemented in the Moro areas.

"Change is not overnight," he explained.

Start with the self, advised UP Muslims president Gonar Musor of Lanao del Sur.

Taking an apolitical tact, Musor pointed out that "*di natin alam ang pagiging Muslim* (We don't know what being a Muslim is like)." Tribalism is anti-Islamic, he said, because it disunites the Muslims.

So how can we expect government to grant self-governance? he asked.

"*Miada so sinangan,*" Saripada agreed. In Maranao, it means "we lost (or were remiss in) our duties."

"Islam is the most progressive religion but Muslims don't understand their religion," said Sanguid, referring to the lack of development in Moro areas.

"We see what wrong our elders did. *Ituwid ang mali* (Rectify what is wrong)," said Saripada, referring to the "bickering among Moro politicians."

Where to start

Batting for more organized forms of capability-building and advocacy, Cris Gaerlan of Lanao del Sur, an advocate of the Moro Human Rights Center, proposed that internal solutions must start from the "articulation of basic rights in the grassroots."

National Youth Commissioner Pendatun Disimban, a Maguindanaon-Maranao, reported that simple resolutions (passed in Muslim Youth summits) could be implemented by mere executive or department orders.

For instance, he said, the Department of Education would issue a memorandum allowing Muslim students to wear their Muslim garbs in schools (some of which disallow girls who do not want to wear shorts in Physical Education).

On Oct. 27, Muslim youths will convene in Manila to plan concrete steps to promote their advocacies, including educational and employment opportunities, Islamic education, and the incorporation of Moro history in the school curriculum.

The Muslim youth participants acknowledged the dignity of the past, signifying positive contributions to the present times and the future.

Samira Ali Gutoc, 26, is working on a Mindanao youth book on peace.

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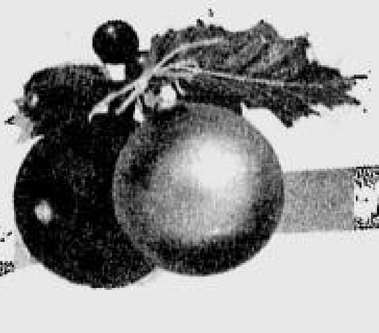

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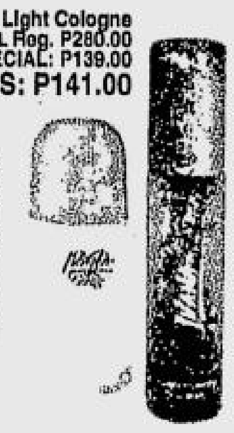

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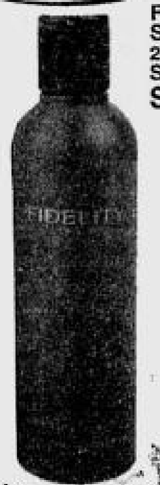

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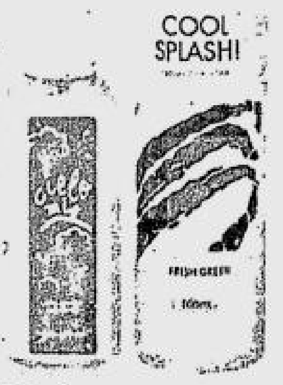

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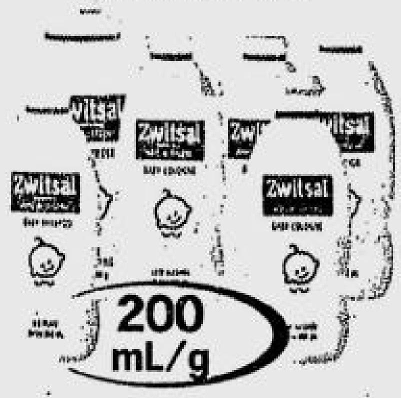

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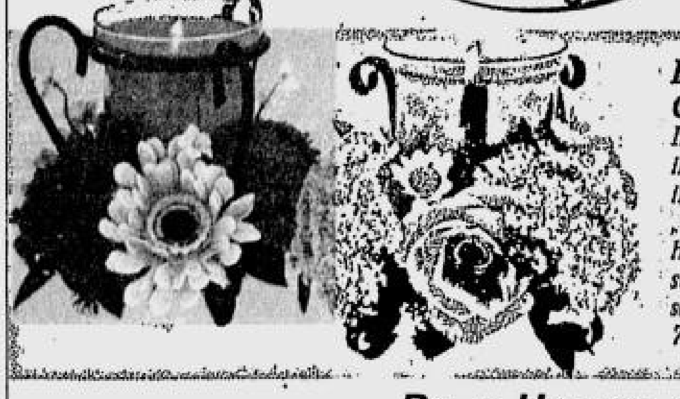

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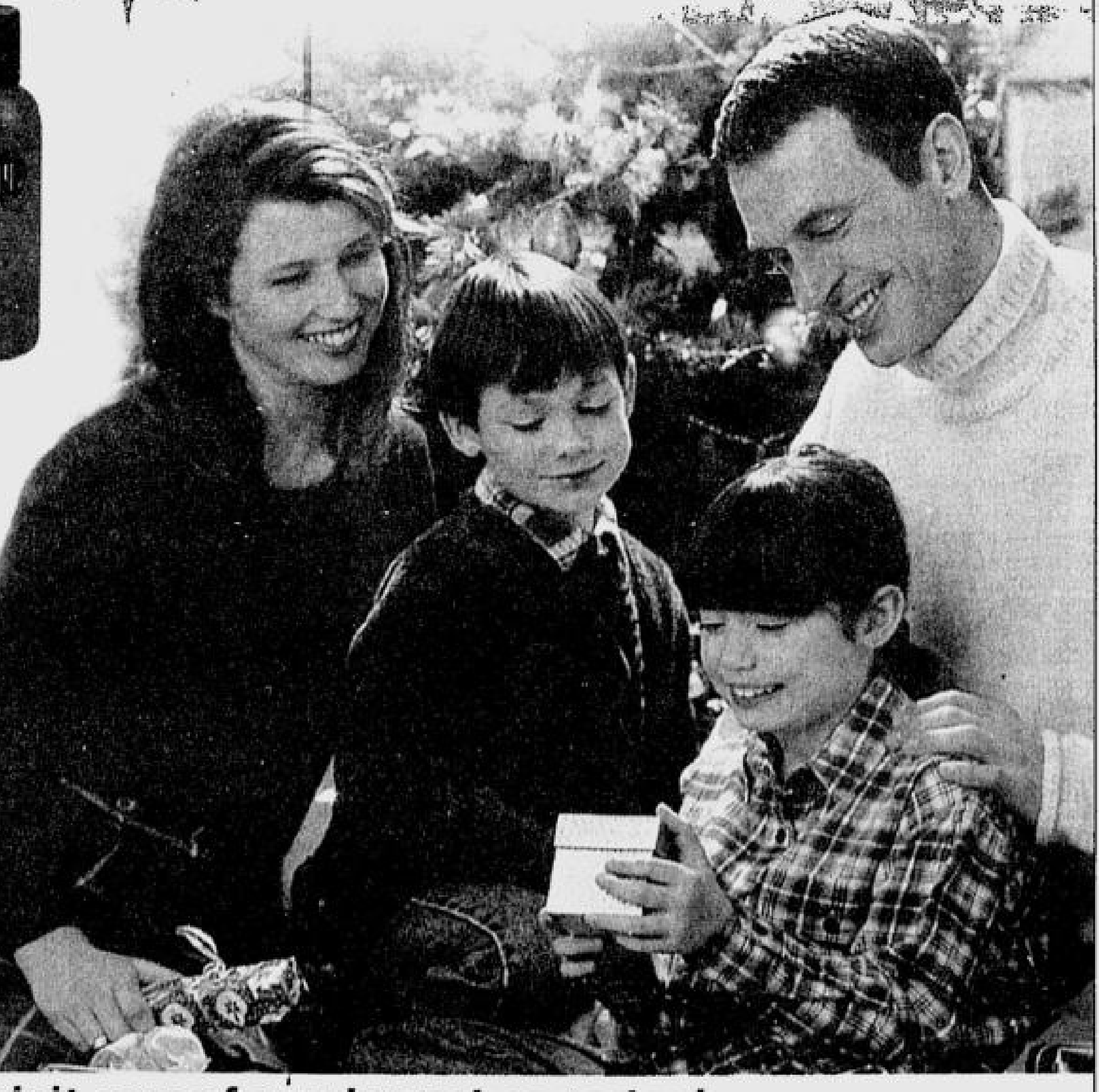

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US: Air strikes working

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fered the Taliban a "second chance" in his Thursday night news conference, saying he would stop the US air strikes if the Islamic militia turned over suspected terrorist leader Osama bin Laden.

One aim of the public message was to reassure skeptical nations that the United States was being fair and patient in going after Bin Laden and his al-Qaida terrorist network.

A senior US official said another aim was to try to fragment the Taliban military.

Kabul does not have tight control over all commanders who are spread through the countryside, according to the official who spoke on condition of anonymity.

He said the US hope was that some Taliban commanders might consider whether the continued presence of Bin Laden and his al-Qaida network was worth the pummeling that Afghanistan was taking.

At the same time, US policymakers were being careful not to suggest that the United States planned to decide who should rule Afghanistan. That could stir patriotic zeal for the Taliban, the official said.

All the United States seeks, according to the official, is a government that does not operate as a base for terrorism and is acceptable to Pakistan, Iran and other neighbors.

Despite Bush's offer of a second chance, Washington has launched no new diplomatic initiative to try to cajole Bin Laden's protectors in Kabul to act on it.

Lull shattered

A lull in the bombing in deference to the Muslim holy day on Friday was shattered at around 3:00 a.m. (2230 GMT) on Saturday as US attack jets screamed over Kabul and Taliban gunners fired into the night sky.

Residents said at least four explosions rocked the capital during two pre-dawn bombing runs, while witnesses in the Taliban's southern stronghold of Kandahar said bombs and cruise missiles continued to fall on the city after sunrise.

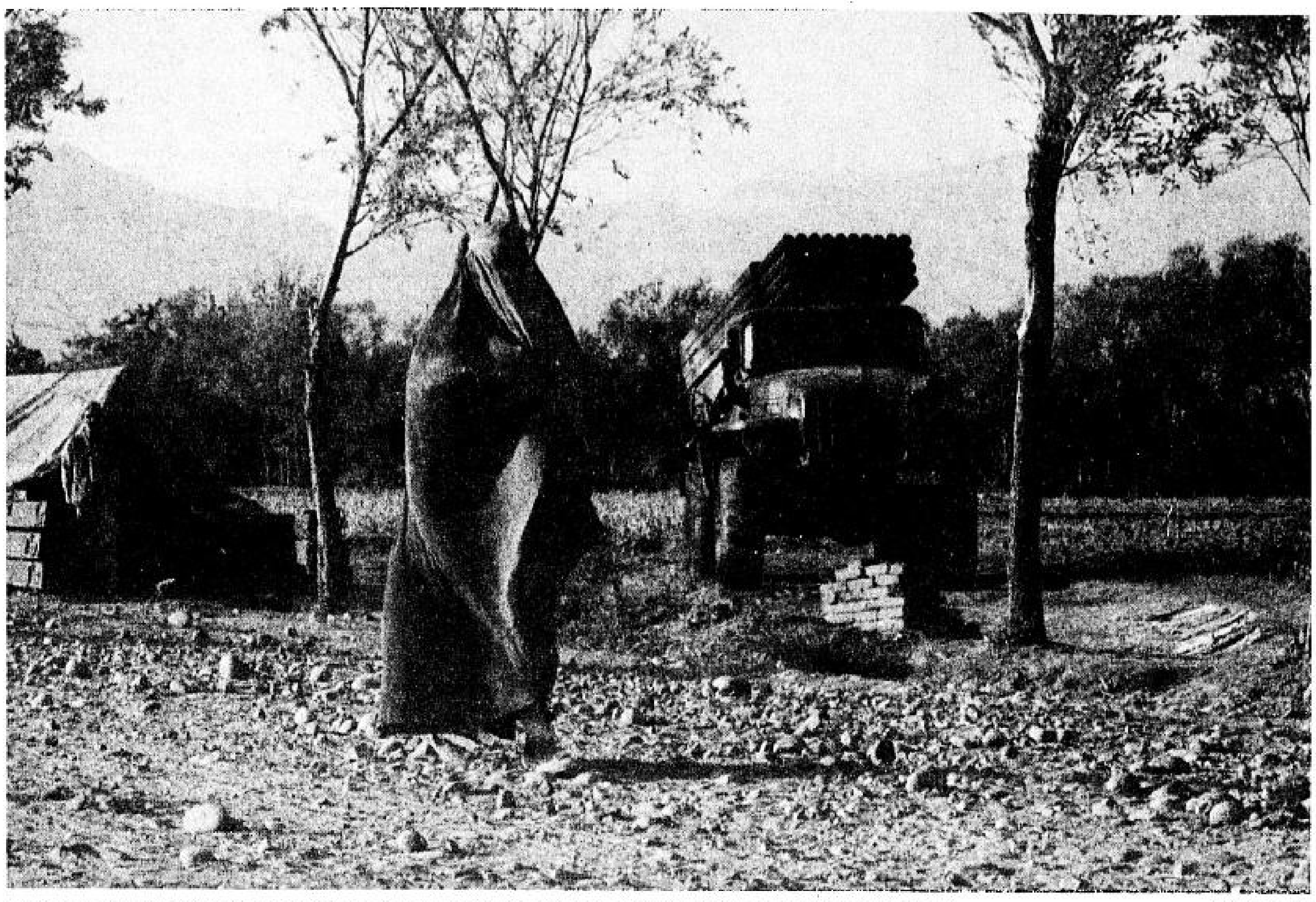
"I felt two or three big explosions at Qeshla Jadeed," said a resident, referring to a Taliban military camp within Kandahar. "There are fewer people on the streets. Most have left the city or stayed at home."

The attack on Kabul appeared to focus around the airport, but local people and the Pakistan-based news agency Afghan Islamic Press (AIP) said that some bombs hit nearby villages, killing civilians.

Villagers in Qalaewakil, a small farming community near the airport, said one woman died and three civilians were hurt when bombs destroyed three houses.

"We didn't think they would target civilians," said Ammaduddin, 18, a donkey owner. "They said they would target military positions."

AIP said four civilians were killed and eight injured when bombs struck the village of Qala Meer Abas, 2 km south of the airport.



AFGHAN woman walks past a rocket launcher in a Northern Alliance-controlled area about 51 km from Kabul. GETTY IMAGES

The Taliban's ambassador to Pakistan, Abdul Salam Zaeef, said seven houses in Kabul were destroyed in the overnight attacks and accused the United States of killing innocent people.

"They are continuing to bomb the country," he said. "They are bombing everywhere. They are killing civilians."

The Taliban militia claimed that more than 300 civilians had been killed in the 7-day-old air war that American and British forces launched to punish the Islamic regime for shielding Bin Laden.

The figure has not been independently verified.

In London, a defense ministry spokesperson confirmed the US-led coalition had launched a fresh wave of military operations in Afghanistan.

Opposition

Buoyed by the US strikes, the Northern Alliance on Saturday claimed fresh victories and said that Taliban fighters were defecting to its forces.

A senior opposition commander, Atta Mohammad, said the alliance had wrested control of three villages within 20 km of Aibak, the capital of Samangan province in the north of the country.

He said three Taliban commanders and 80 soldiers had also defected to the opposition overnight Friday.

Afghan opposition forces said Friday they were close to taking Aibak and another key provincial capital, Bamiyan, in central Afghanistan, which would help open supply routes from their northern command bases.

"Our forces are advancing rapidly," opposition spokesperson Mohammad Ashraf Nadeem told AFP by satellite telephone.

But another opposition spokesperson, Ahmad Bahram, said the Taliban had launched a heavy offensive against opposition strongholds around Bamiyan, focusing their attack on Shahidan, 20 km west of the city.

"The Taliban brought newly arrived forces to stop our men advancing and infiltrating the city," he said.

Bahram said the area was strategically vital for control of Bamiyan.

Reports from AP and AFP

NBC News employee in NY 4th anthrax case

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"I think the only responsible thing for us to do is proceed on the basis that it could be linked," Cheney said.

An NBC employee in New York, whose name has not been released, tested positive for skin anthrax on Friday. She was the second person to get the disease and the fourth to be exposed to it since the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

Her illness is a much less serious form of anthrax than the inhaled form that killed a tabloid photo editor in Florida last week. The editor's co-workers tested positive of respiratory anthrax through nasal swabs, but they did not exhibit symptoms of the disease.

The NBC employee is expected to fully recover after she was given the antibiotic ciprofloxacin.

Letter intended for Brokaw

She contracted anthrax after opening a "threatening" letter addressed to NBC anchorman Tom Brokaw. The letter, postmarked Sept. 20 and opened Sept. 25, contained a powder. She later developed a rash and a fever.

The powder was found negative for anthrax but a biopsy taken from the woman yielded positive results. Authorities said the sample powder was so small they were reluctant to interpret the results. More tests are being done on the envelope and its contents.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said it was possible the woman was contaminated by something other than the envelope.

The third floor and several other parts of NBC's offices in the 70-story GE Building in Rockefeller Center were closed off to allow health officials to make sure no anthrax spores remained in the area.

An NBC official said Brokaw, who has appeared on NBC's evening newscasts for the last 18 years, was being tested for anthrax.

Brokaw, in an interview on "Dateline NBC," said he would protectively take the anthrax antibiotic Cipro and he believed most of his staff would too.

"The chances of anyone else contracting this are very low," Brokaw said. "But this is the ultimate nightmare. We just have to stay focused on what we know and not what we don't know."

Powder in Times mail

About 10 blocks from the NBC studios, employees on the third floor of The New York Times building were sent to other floors also on Friday after Judith Miller, a reporter who co-wrote a recent best seller on bioterrorism, opened a letter containing a powdery substance.

A spokesperson said the substance smelled like talcum powder.

The newspaper quoted Miller as saying the letter "contained future threats against the United States" and mentioned the Sears Tower in Chicago and President Bush.

Executive Editor Howell Raines said initial tests showed that the powder did not pose any immediate problem. Air tests for radioactive and chemical substances were negative.

The letters to NBC and to Miller were both postmarked from St. Petersburg, Florida, the FBI said.

The letter to Miller was postmarked Oct. 5.

There was some similarity in the handwriting on both letters, the FBI said. Both were anonymous letters with no return address.

Tighter mailroom security

Over the weekend, news organizations across the country tightened mailroom security.

The Associated Press, which is across the street from NBC, temporarily closed its mailroom, as did CBS and the AOL Time Warner media group. ABC stopped internal mail delivery in New York and Washington to allow a security evaluation, while CNN said it closed mailrooms in New York, Washington and Atlanta.

In large companies and office buildings, new precautions were taken in handling mail. Piles of letters were left unopened in the hallways of a local court building, with instructions on how to handle the mail.

In several Wall Street firms, employees were told to wear thick rubber gloves when handling mail.

And a memorandum circulated at the United Nations headquarters in Manhattan required employees to return suspicious envelopes to security services.

New York City Mayor Rudolph Giuliani said officials were investigating five or six other reports of suspicious letters or powder, but he said none appeared to be "of great concern."

Suspicious letter in Nevada

Panic spread from coast to coast, with people reporting suspicious packages.

In Nevada, state officials conducted tests on a suspicious letter sent from Malaysia to a Microsoft office in Reno. Initial testing indicated the presence of anthrax, but a second test showed that the letter probably did not contain the bacteria. A third test was being conducted.

No one at the office has tested positive for the disease or has become ill.

The governor said Microsoft had sent a check to a vendor in Malaysia. The check was still in the letter sent to the Nevada office, along with pornographic material. The Malaysian vendor wasn't identified.

In California, the Los Angeles Times building was quarantined for more than two hours after employees found a "powder-like substance" on the floor. The substance was found to be harmless.

In Pleasanton, some 300 employees of a financial firm were evacuated from their office after a mailroom worker reported a powder emanating from a piece of mail. At least 10 people were hosed down by a hazardous materials team and sent to a medical center, where they tested negative for anthrax.

Military personnel warned

On the aircraft carrier USS, the commanding officer urged his 5,500-strong crew to be "extremely careful" when opening any mail.

"We'll be getting some mail today and with all of the things that have been occurring back . . . in the US, with the potential for packages and letters containing biological agents, I would ask that you be extremely careful with any mail that you get," he said on the ship's public address system.

The carrier, which is taking part in the air attacks on the Taliban in Afghanistan, has plenty of ciprofloxacin aboard as well as other antibiotics that can be used to treat anthrax.

Anthrax immunizations for military personnel ceased about a year ago because of production problems.

Anthrax is a disease found mostly in farm animals.

The skin and inhaled forms of anthrax are caused by the same bacterium. The only difference is whether the microscopic spores enter the skin through a cut or are inhaled into the lungs.

It takes more than 8,000 spores to cause the inhalation form of anthrax.

Anthrax is not transmitted directly from person to person. ***Reports from AP, AFP, Reuters***

CBCP: Killing of civilians immoral

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Tuquib offered prayers for the victims of the Sept. 11 attacks and the lives being claimed by the US-led air strikes on Afghanistan.

He urged the people to resort to prayer as a way of resolving conflict, saying that prayer would enlighten hearts filled with anger, hatred and vindictiveness.

Root causes

In the CBCP statement, Quevedo said "the root causes . . . of terrorist acts" must be identified to find an "enduring solution" to the problem.

He said that while dialogue was the better way to solve problems, "terrorists have to be brought to justice not because they belong to this or that religion but simply because they are terrorists."

"The members of the family of nations must mutually cooperate with one another to combat terrorism. Our own country cannot shirk its obligation to combat global terrorism," Quevedo said.

But he added: "Even in the best-laid plans against terrorism, innocent civilians could be killed, as in Sulu and Basilan. This is most regrettable. We cannot bless this as desirable because it is not."

Common good

Quevedo said any form of cooperation that the Philippine government would extend to the US-led campaign against terrorism should be "measured in the light of our own peace and security requirements."

"Prudence and wisdom, the common good, both local and international, need to be sensibly considered," he said.

As part of the Philippines' contribution to the campaign, President Macapagal-Arroyo has authorized the overflight of US military aircraft and allowed the use of the former US military bases at Subic and Clark. She has also said she was willing to send combat troops if necessary.

The United States, in turn, is sending military advisers to study how to help in the Philippines' battle against the Abu Sayyaf.

The group, which is still holding two American and 12 Filipino hostages, is believed to have links with Osama bin Laden, the prime suspect in the Sept. 11 attacks.

But Quevedo said that while justice must be served, "innocent civilians must not be the direct target of killings for this would be gravely immoral."

"If we seek justice, we must not ourselves become terrorists," he said.

Quevedo also said the Philippines should be prepared for any retaliation from terrorist groups for its support of the US-led campaign against Bin Laden and his protector, Afghanistan's ruling Taliban.

He pointed out that "we have already experienced terrorist attacks not only in the South but also in other parts of the country, including Metro Manila."

He acknowledged that the Philippines' support for the campaign against Bin Laden would not help improve the relationship between Christians and Muslims in the country.

"Mainstream Muslim believers would probably understand the attacks on Osama bin Laden and his various terrorist groups and on the Afghanistan regime for supporting (him)," Quevedo said. "But such understanding may not necessarily be expected of grassroots sympathizers of narrow fundamentalist beliefs."

Misuari

Gov. Nur Misuari of the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao expressed support for the US-led strikes on Afghanistan, but said civilians must be spared.

He said his group, the Moro National Liberation Front, was against all forms of terrorism, including the killing of innocent civilians.

"We are against bloodshed," Misuari, who arrived in Manila this week from the Middle East, said at a press conference yesterday. "We are fighting a civilized warfare. We respect human life, dignity and the right of people to live peaceably."

He said the MNLF, which signed a peace agreement with the government in 1995, had "the cleanest record of all revolutionary movements in the world."

Misuari said the Americans had "the right to avenge the crimes" committed against them on Sept. 11.

He expressed the belief that the US government had the evidence against Bin Laden and the al-Qaida network, but said it must show this evidence to the world to erase all doubts.

Misuari called on the United Nations to investigate whether civilians were bearing the brunt of the attack on Afghanistan.

"A Taliban spokesperson said about 100 civilians died in one community alone. Civilians must be protected and spared from the war," he said, adding that sometimes "the agents of government are more vicious."

He also called on UN Secretary General Kofi Annan to immediately convene a global conference to come up with a "definitive stand" on terrorism.

He said the US-imposed definition of terrorism could be applied only within America's borders.

Asked to comment on Bin Laden's call for a "jihad" or holy war against America and its allies, Misuari said: "I can't decide on that. It's the central committee (of the MNLF) that will decide (on it)." ***With reports from Grace Cantal-Albasin and Ellen P. Red, PDI Mindanao Bureau; Michael Lim Ubac in Manila; AFP***

The private who became general

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had campaigned against it during the presidential election.

Prejido has come full circle. President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo signed his promotion papers, giving him his first star effective Sept.7.

Back to the days when he was young and reckless, the raging war beckoned to Prejido. An engineering student then at the University of San Carlos in Cebu, he wanted to experience what war was like.

"We just wanted to experience war. There was an ad at the school campus asking for volunteers to Vietnam. Five of us lined up but I was the only one who eventually made it," Prejido recalled.

Even as an engineering student, Prejido was looking forward to a military career. He took advance courses in the Reserve Officers Training Corps. Prejido was a mortar gunner in Vietnam from 1966 to 1968. He was fortunate to serve with good mentors and military role models. His superior officers were the likes of Fidel Ramos (a former AFP chief and president), Jose Almonte (former national security adviser), Eduardo Ermita (former congressman and presently presidential adviser on the peace process) and Lisandro Abadia (former AFP chief of staff).

Lucky recruit

"I was one of the lucky 150 recruits picked from all over the country," said Prejido, currently commander of the Army's 401st Brigade which operates in the Lanao provinces.

From private, Prejido was promoted to corporal in 1969; sergeant in 1970; and first lieutenant in 1975. From there on, he worked his way up. He has a long way to go yet; his compulsory retirement isn't until July 2003 when he turns 56 years old.

"I thought I'd merely become an officer," Prejido said.

The ROTC graduate has earned a total of 36 awards and decorations, and 16 commendations.

He also finished two masteral courses—one in military arts and science, and another in public administration—in addition to mandatory military service courses.

Prejido is married to Lourdes Prejido and they have four children.

Meritocracy

Army spokesperson Lt. Col. Jose Mabanta Jr. said Prejido's career proved that "meritocracy reigns in the military."

"It shows that a soldier could make it if he is determined enough to achieve," Mabanta said.

Also last month, President Macapagal promoted to full colonels 67 regular and reserve officers of the Army. The promotions took effect Sept. 16.

In Camp Aguinaldo, Marine Brig. Gen. Emmanuel Teodisio was designated AFP deputy chief of staff for education and training (J8).

Teodisio was the commander of the 1st Marine Brigade which stormed and captured Camp Abubakar, headquarters of the Moro Islamic Liberation Front, last year.

Teodisio replaced Navy Rear Adm. Antonio Siapno who assumed the post of AFP Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel (J1).

Siapno took over the post from Rear Adm. Arthur Garrido who reached the mandatory retirement age of 56, two days ago.

PDI founder takes Washington

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she told her audience of some 250 journalists and guests, which included former Washington Post editor Ben Bradlee of "Watergate" fame and nearly all the TV talk show pundits and hosts in this US capital.

"For years, it has been choosing top journalists dedicated to fighting for press freedom in various parts of the world, for training and fellowships. Then came this 76-year-old Asian woman, no longer trainable, but nominated for an award," she said.

She ended her speech with a prayer for America, invoking God to "instruct us in the ways of lasting peace."

Queenmaker

The Washington-based ICFJ cited Apostol for transforming Mr. & Ms. Special Edition into "a political force that energized" the 1986 uprising that toppled Ferdinand Marcos' dictatorship, and for her role in igniting People Power II through exposés in the tabloid Pinoy Times that led to President Joseph Estrada's downfall.

"Well, they say that since two women presidents took office after I had a humble role in toppling tyrants, that makes me a queenmaker," Apostol later told friends in jest, referring to Presidents Corazon Aquino and Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo.

Apostol, wearing a cream bolero over a maroon Muslim gown, had her brother Jose Duran and his wife Monina as her guests at the $10,000-per-table event sponsored by the Ford Motor Company.

"She's wonderful, she's great. You must all be extremely proud of her," the guest speaker, historian and best-selling author Doris Kearns Goodwin, told the INQUIRER.

Among the other journalists cited was Robert D. Kaplan, a correspondent for The Atlantic Monthly, who received the Greenway-Winship Award for excellence in fostering better understanding among nations.

Kaplan is the author of nine best-selling books on international affairs.

The two other awardees are: Adam Komers, a Czech TV news presenter, who organized a strike that led to new rules governing the station; and Daily News editor Geoffrey Nyarota of Zimbabwe, who faced threats to his life when he reported on corruption in his country.

James F. Hoge Jr., vice chair of the ICFJ board of directors, introduced the awardees, and ICFJ chair Thomas Winship, the guest speaker.

Leaders and crises

In her 40-minute speech, Goodwin traced the "lessons to be learned by looking back at how previous leaders handled crises."

She cited as examples:

- Democratic President Lyndon B. Johnson's larger-than-life personality in persuading Republican Sen. Everett Dirksen to support the civil rights law.
- President Franklin Delano Roosevelt's extraordinary relationship with British Prime Minister Winston Churchill, Roosevelt's "confidence not only in himself but also in the American people," and his effective use of radio "fireside chats" to rally the American people.
- President Abraham Lincoln's success in overcoming depression in his 30s by resolving to perform a deed that would make people remember him.

Later, Goodwin told the INQUIRER that she was impressed by the performance of President George W. Bush in the wake of the Sept. 11 attacks in New York and Washington.

"He has performed better than expected," she said, adding that Bush had a good group around him.

Worldwide program

The ICFJ was founded in 1984 to improve the quality of journalism worldwide through professional training, fellowships and exchanges. It has worked with some 12,000 journalists from over 170 countries.

The nominees for the Knight award are selected by participants of the fellowship program.

The program, funded by the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation and administered by the ICFJ, sends American professionals all over the world to share journalism, management, business and technical skills with their colleagues.

Since the program started in 1994, about 140 fellows have assisted media organizations in over 80 countries.

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Justice Secretary Hernando Perez disclosed the offer in a press conference that was held here Friday, before 50 members of the Integrated Bar of the Philippines-Pampanga chapter.

"I'm not sure if it's (a) serious (proposal) or if it is a joke," Perez said. But he quickly added, this time more seriously: "We checked on this but apparently it is a mere expression of sentiment of some sectors."

However, he said there were no takers from among the Abu Sayyaf, which is holding 14 hostages, including an American missionary couple, on Basilan Island.

The bandit group is allegedly part of the terrorist network of Osama bin Laden, top suspect in the Sept. 11 suicide attacks in New York and Washington, who is based in Afghanistan where he is considered a "guest" by the Taliban government.

Amid the audience's laughter, Perez urged an earnest study, adding that the idea was "worth exploiting."

The "business sector is saying that if the Abu Sayyaf really wants to go to Afghanistan, they're willing to pay for the one-way ticket of the Abu Sayyaf," he said.

The justice secretary stressed that the plane ticket was only one way, indicating that businessmen desperately want the bandits out and for good.

Perez did not cite the names of the businessmen or the business groups that have made such offer.

On Tuesday, leaders of the Islamic Movement for Electoral Reform and Good Government based in Marawi City said hundreds of Muslim Filipinos were willing to go to Afghanistan if they were recruited to fight with the Taliban.

PAF additions

For its part, the Philippine Air Force was not leaving anything to chance.

The latest additions to its already tight security operations inside the 315-hectare Air Force City at the Clark Special Economic Zone are 20 bike patrols and 50 canines.

"We want to ensure that government and military personnel, equipment and facilities are properly secured from criminal elements and terrorist attacks following the United States air strikes against Afghanistan," said Col. Edgar Elona, commander of the wing that hosts seven PAF units in Clark.

He did not say if actual threats exist insofar as Clark is concerned.

The wing controls the south wing of the Diosdado Macapagal International Airport in Clark, where American warplanes are expected to refuel and to move supplies.

However, the use of Clark in the US offensives against terrorists "may seem remote," Elona said. So far, no American military aircraft has refueled in Clark since the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks in the US, according to DMIA General Manager Bienvenido Manga.

However, 450,000 liters of jet fuel are on standby, Manga told reporters.

Elona said the bike patrol would augment the regular police outposts and roving patrols by being in areas that prowl cars and sentinels cannot cover, he added.

Even ambulant vendors would not be spared from checks, he said.

Constant alert

The PAF's 710th Special Operations Wing, which is also based in Clark, has its explosive and ordnance troops and canine units on constant alert "to foil any terrorist attempts" in Clark and nearby communities.

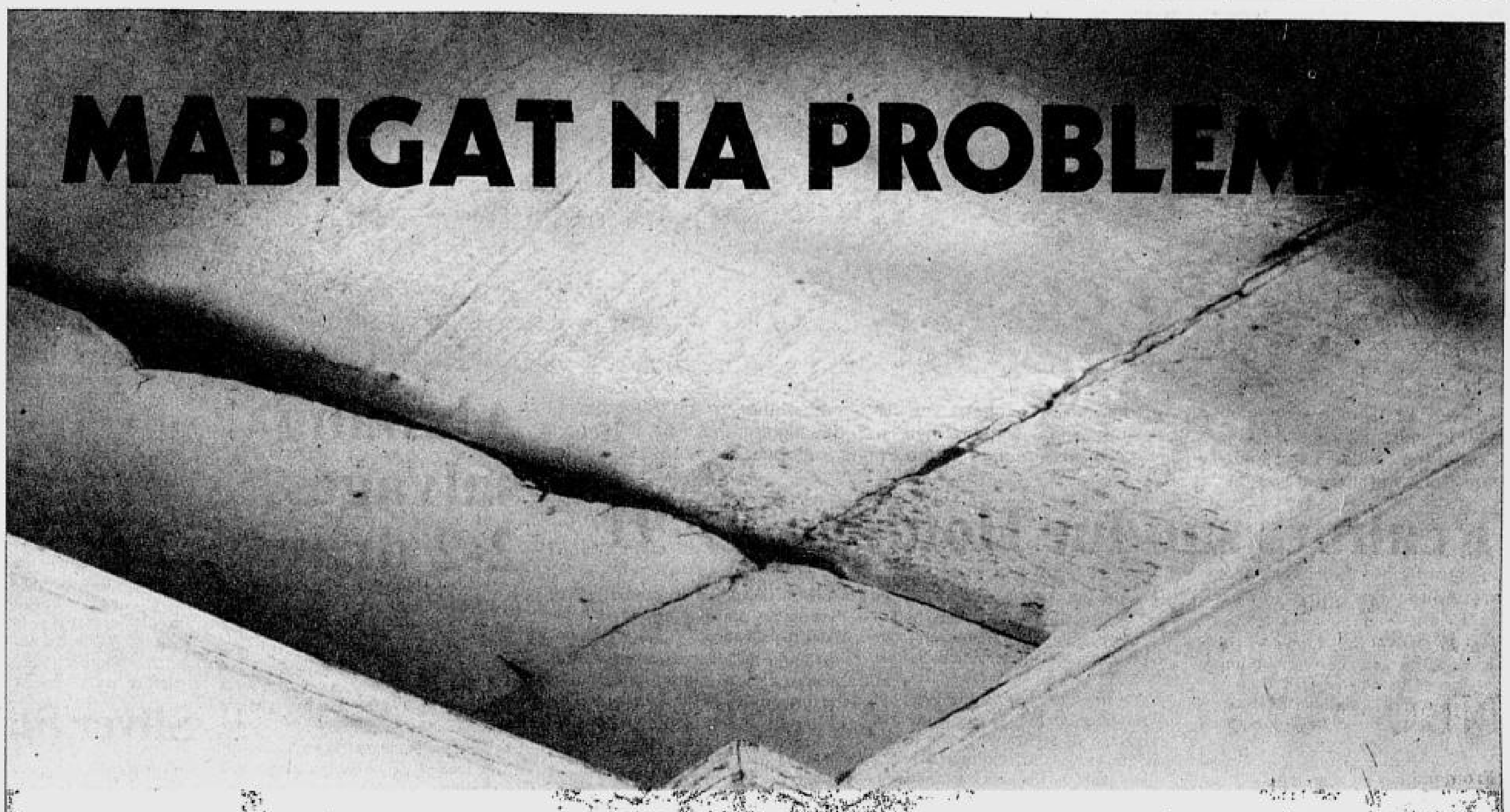
Last month, the Air Force also opened the country's second Air Defense Alert Center in Clark. Elona said 5th Fighter Wing pilots were ready to fly within five minutes from notice once radars detect the intrusion of unauthorized flights into the Philippine airspace.

Security was heightened after PAF chief Lt. Gen. Benjamin Defensor ordered base commanders on Thursday to "activate counter-terrorist teams to defend PAF bases and facilities from possible terrorist attacks."

Perez, who is also chair of the National Anti-Crime Commission, said security in the country's borders, particularly in the South, had been tightened.

He said he had instructed the Bureau of Immigration to scrutinize arriving foreigners, including those carrying Philippine passports.

The government's counter-terrorism plan also works down to the barangay level, he added.



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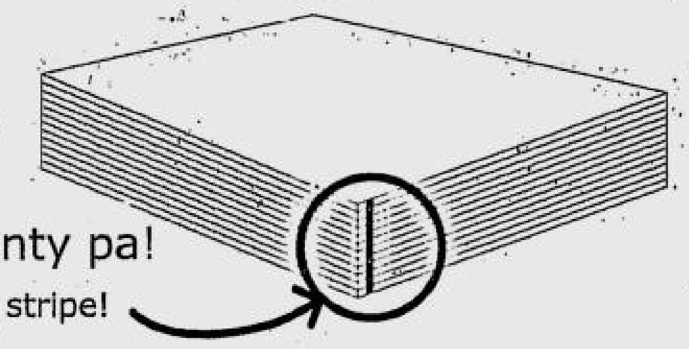

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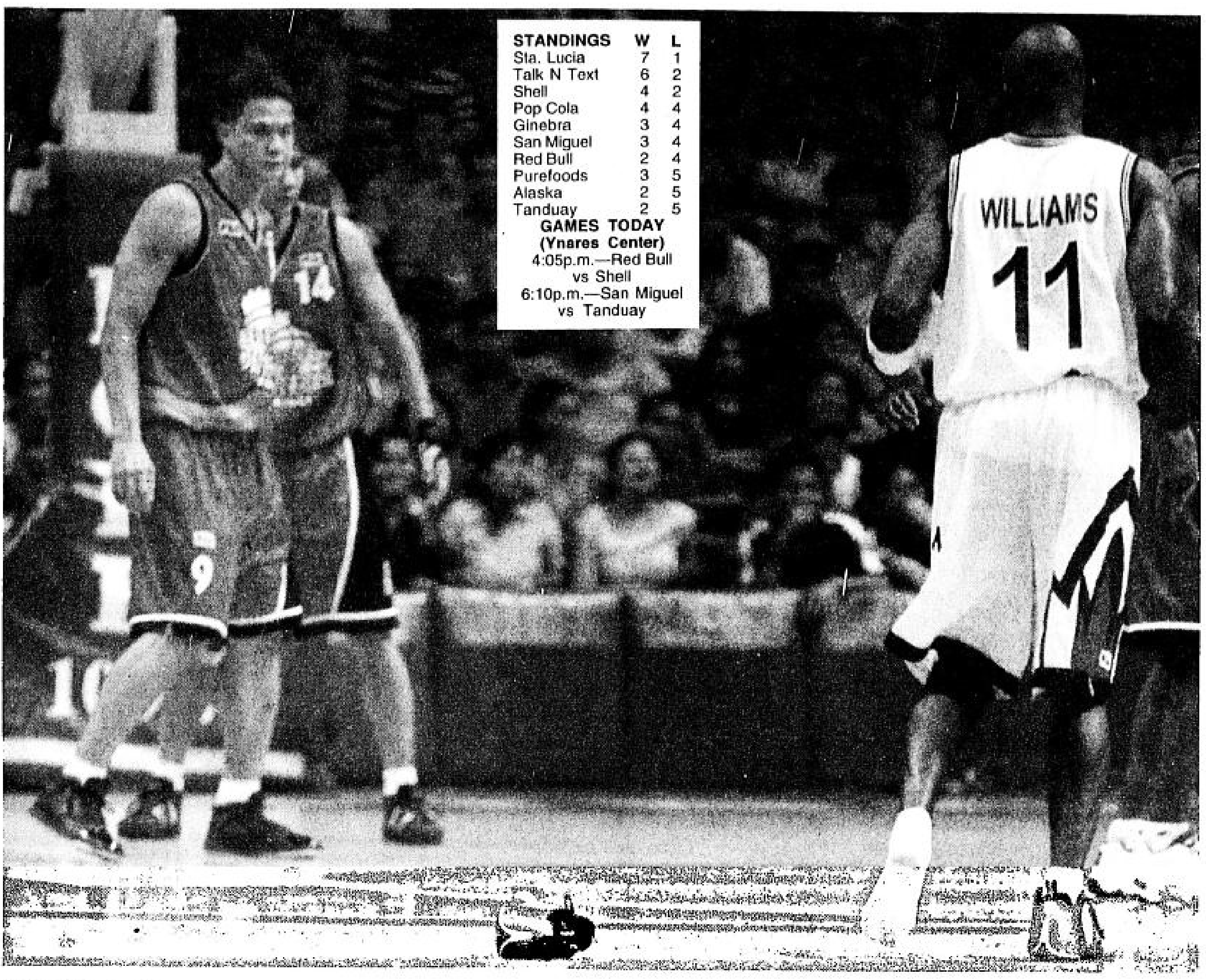

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Sta. Lucia	7	1
Talk N Text	6	2
Shell	4	2
Pop Cola	4	4
Ginebra	3	4
San Miguel	3	4
Red Bull	2	4
Purefoods	3	5
Alaska	2	5
Tanduay	2	5

GAMES TODAY
(Ynares Center)
4:05p.m.—Red Bull vs Shell
6:10p.m.—San Miguel vs Tanduay

TALK N Text's high-scoring import Brandon Williams (right) loses his left shoe after driving to the basket as Jun Limpot (left) and Banjo Calpito of Barangay Ginebra look on Friday night in the PBA Governors Cup at the Cuneta Astrodome. Williams scored 24 points as the Phone Pals beat the Kings, 81-78, for their sixth win against two losses.

ERNIE U. SARMIENTO

Realtors subdue Hotdogs, 97-91

By June Navarro

BAGO CITY—Sta. Lucia Realty's skyscrapers provided the winning touches as the Realtors scored a 97-91 victory over the Purefoods TJ Hotdogs last night at the Torres Memorial Coliseum here.

Twin towers Marlou Aquino and Dennis Espino took off some of the load from a heat-stressed Damien Owens in the crucial stretches to help the Realtors score their seventh win in eight outings while sending the Hotdogs down to the pits at 3-5.

Although struggling inside the sweltering venue, Owens still managed a team-high 27 points on top of 11 rebounds and three assists.

Espino added 21 markers and 8 rebounds while Aquino pumped in 19 points and plucked 13 rebounds that eased off the heat from Owens.

"Dennis and Marlou did a good job of stepping up for Owens, who was struggling all night due to the heat," said Sta. Lucia coach Norman Black.

He added the Realtors were lethargic in the first half, allowing the Hotdogs to put up a semblance of a fight.

"The intensity wasn't there. We were sleepwalking in the first half but it's a good thing we were able to play with enough intensity in the final quarter," said Black.

But the statistics and the running score in the game sponsored by Air Philippines. showed otherwise what Black had claimed.

Getting the goods from sniper Paolo Mendoza, the Realtors started hot as the former PBL MVP drilled 12 of his 13 points in the first quarter that provided Sta. Lucia an auspicious cushion early on.

The scores:

STA. LUCIA 97—Owens 27, Espino 21, Aquino 19, Tan 13, Mendoza 13, Francisco 2, Belano 2, Adriano 0, Del Rosario 0.

PUREFOODS 91—Brown 34, Castillo 23, Evangelista 12, Patrimonio 7, Feihl 6, Yee 4, Fernandez 3, Yap 2.

Quarters: 27-21, 48-44, 73-71, 97-91

Desperado on Alvarado?

SPECTATOR

Al S. Mendoza

FIRST to re-enter the PBA was Asi Taulava. Next was Eric Menk. Is Sonny Alvarado not far behind?

But first, the facts.

Taulava and Menk were never deported. Alvarado was.

In the beginning, Taulava had insufficient papers to back up his citizenship claim. While lawyers were sorting out the records, Taulava left for America. He came back only when his PBA comeback was clear.

Menk had a little discrepancy in his Filipino mother's birth records. But while the papers were being threshed out, Menk never really left us. With a little help from one of the founding fathers of the league, the fix he was in was ironed out in no time. No less than Justice Secretary Teofisto Guingona gave Menk the green light to return to the PBA.

Alvarado's case seems to be different altogether.

The Tanduay cager was deported last year for having falsified his citizenship papers. Deportation carried with it a ban for his return to the country. Which means, he is in the blacklist on all entry ports. How he was able to return—if indeed he has returned—boggles the mind.

Even the eminent Attorney Aga (aka Antonio G. Arellano), counsel for Tanduay to which Alvarado last played, was surprised over reports Alvarado had slipped into town.

"Everything's hearsay," said Aga, whose 6-7:30 p.m. program on RMN 558 is a top-rater.

Alvarado has become like a UFO as sightings of him have been reported even in Cebu. No less than Immigration chief Andrea Domingo has reportedly said Alvarado's in town.

Alarmed over such a report, Commissioner Jun Bernardino has written the Bureau of Immigration reiterating the league's ban on Alvarado.

When Alvarado was found to have falsified his papers last year, he left in a huff. Never said a word.

With reports indicating he's back—if, indeed, he has come back—does this mean his papers are now in order? I mean, was the ban lifted as a result of a reconstituted set of records which would mean he'd be eligible for PBA play again? Or is he back to argue a case that found him guilty of falsifying his citizenship records? That'd be a tedious process and would require time before it could be finally resolved.

Whatever, his return(?) remains clouded in mystery, if not in deep secrecy. Does that not require an investigation? Cannot the House do its own probe? Paging Rep. Puentevella.

Now, if I were Alvarado and I have indeed come back, I'd present myself in public to clear my name. He owes it not only to the basketball fans but also to the entire Filipino people to tell the real score.

Only cowards are allowed to hide.

Carmona hosts Shell karting

ANOTHER memorable weekend awaits local karting fans at the close of the Shell Super Karting Super Series 2001 at the Carmona Racing Circuit in Carmona, Cavite today. The country's top karters, led by Pepon Marave and Lee Bumgarner, are vying for top honors in all nine categories at stake in this prestigious, nine-part series organized by Carmona Circuit Phils. and presented by Shell-Helix, Shell-Velocity, Shell Citibank Mastercard, Coca-Cola, Brimstone, Match Box/Hot Wheels,. Demvel's Enterprises, Eastway Racing, Nokia, Astorga and Repol Law Office and CGU Insurance.

SPORTSWATCH

Outdoor Sports Show Oct. 18-21

THE PHILIPPINES' first outdoor sports exhibition, Outdoor Sports Show 2001, will be held October 18-21 at the Megatrade Hall of SM Megamall B, Ortigas Center, Mandaluyong City. Organized by TradeShow International, Inc., the sports exhibition is the only one which features a comprehensive coverage on serving the needs of the outdoor sports enthusiast. The show is presented by Lipton Ice Tea and sponsored by Pioneer, BMB Karaoke, 105.1 Crossover, NU 107, 939 KC FM and Power-up.

NM Vic Torre fund-raiser today

THE HELP Vic Torre Active chess tournament, a fund-raising project of the National Chess Federation of the Philippines for NM Vicente Torre, begins at 1:30 p.m. today at Egel's Sizzling House, 22 Matalino St. (beside Allied Bank, at the back of QC Hall), Diliman, Quezon City. Among those who confirmed their support and participation for the one-day event are lawyer Eulogio Rodriguez, Cesar M. Iligan, Rolly Ang, Anthony Madronio, Jojo Montaño, Pat Sarile, Pancho Martinez, Antonio Zulueta and NM Glenn Bordonada. Other friends and associates of NM Torre interested in joining the affair may inquire at the NCFP office at tels. 435-1114 or 435-1113.

Gerry eyes rematch vs Tokuyama

DON'T look now but Gerry Peñalosa might yet be given another crack at the World Boxing Council super flyweight crown held by Japan-based North Korean Masamori Tokuyama before the year ends.

This developed after WBC president Jose Sulaiman said yesterday he "received several protests" with regard to the performance of referee Larry O' Connel, who officiated the Sept. 24 title fight won via unanimous decision by Tokuyama in Yokohama, Japan.

Sulaiman said the protests pointed out O' Connel's failure to "deduct any points from Tokuyama's head-butting tactics against Peñalosa." He said this was a "violation of WBC rules."

It is for these reasons that Sulaiman wanted to review the tape of the fight, discuss the protests and possibly order a rematch during the WBC Convention in Pattaya, Thailand, on Dec. 2.

Batangas favored over Cebu

By Roy Luarca

THE LBC Batangas Blades finally get the chance to show their wares at home when they tangle with the Cebuana Lhuillier Gems at 5:30 p.m. today in the MBA Second Phase at the La Salle Lipa Sentrum.

Successful on the road having compiled a six-win, one-loss record, the Blades are eyeing another victory tonight that would put them back on top of the MBA Second Phase.

More important, it would virtually assure the Blades of one of the three semifinal slots in the Northern Conference.

Drawing twin digits from eight players, the Blades downed the TPG Davao Eagles, 122-105, on Friday to share the lead with the Andok's San Juan Knights.

Coach Nash Racela is again expected to lean on this batch to beat the Gems, who are reeling from a 91-73 defeat dealt them by the Knights on Wednesday.

Blades skipper Romel Adducul will be the Gems' main concern, but they also need to worry about Eddie Laure, Alex Compton and Tonyboy Espinosa.

Negros and Socsargen-Taguig clash in the 3 p.m. opener with the Slashers trying to keep their supremacy in the Southern Conference.

The Slashers downed the Eagles, 122-107, on Wednesday to raise their record to 4-1.

Meanwhile, MBA Commissioner Butch Antonio slapped fines totaling P24,000 to erring players, coaches and team members for various offenses committed Wednesday.

GAMES TODAY
St. La Salle Lipa
3:00 p.m.—Socsargen-Taguig vs Negros
5:30 p.m.—Cebuana Lhuillier vs LBC Batangas

Second Phase Standings

North	W	L
LBC Batangas	6	1
Andok's S. Juan	6	1
FedEx Laguna	3	3
Nueva Ecija	2	4
South		
Negros	4	1
Cebuana Lhuillier	3	4
Socsargen	1	6
Davao	0	5

Braves 9 of 10 in finals

LIGHT-HITTING Paul Bako homered and drove in three runs, John Burkett pitched six shutout innings and the Atlanta Braves put the Houston Astros out of their misery with a 6-2 victory yesterday to sweep their first-round playoff series in the National League.

The Braves advanced to the NLCS for the ninth time in 10 seasons, the only miss coming last year when St. Louis swept them in the opening round.

Atlanta will meet either the Cardinals or Arizona Diamondbacks starting Tuesday for a spot in the World Series. With two outs in the second inning, Rey Sanchez doubled over Lance Berkman in left on an 0-2 pitch. Houston starter Shane Reynolds got ahead of Bako 1-2 only to catch a little too much of the strike zone with a slider. *AP*

Tyson-Nielsen on

COPENHAGEN, Denmark — Speaking with a laid-back confidence, Brian Nielsen says he is going to beat Mike Tyson "black and blue" in their non-title 10-round fight today. The journeyman Danish heavyweight, who some derogatorily call "Danish Pastry," seems under-awed by Tyson. The former undisputed champion is the heaviest he's ever been—and in his best shape in a half dozen years.

Alabang salvages 2-2 draw

REIGNING national seniors champion Caloy Coscolluela and Vic Guzman came to Alabang's rescue by winning the high-low match to salvage a 2-2 draw for the host team with Forest Hills on Friday in the semifinals of the Federation League 2001.

With the game on the line as Forest Hills took a 2-1 edge, Guzman and Coscolluela rose to the occasion by outplaying their visitors in the front nine en route to a 3 & 2 victory.

It was a draw that swung the tide to Forest Hills' side as the Antipolo golfers had the homecourse advantage as host to the other half of the home-and-away duel between the two division winners yesterday.

Seve Roxas Chua and Peter Cervantes gave Alabang a 1-0 lead when they dominated Forest Hills club champion Raffy Garcia and Eding Hizon in the best ball match, 5 and 4.

But Forest Hills battled back by clinching the aggregate format behind a 6 & 4 victory by the tandem of Florene de los Santos-Bobby Isip over Francis Jimenez and Buddy Velayo.

Lehman falters

LAS VEGAS — Tom Lehman's three-shot lead at the Invensys Classic at Las Vegas evaporated in the wind Friday as Craig Parry took a one-shot advantage through three rounds of the 90-hole tournament. Parry holed a 6-iron shot for a rare double eagle, then made a 9-meter (30-foot) putt for birdie on the final hole to shoot a 6-under 66 and move to 19 under, a shot ahead of Lehman and two clear of Bob Estes and Scott McCarron. *AP*

WGAP leg tomorrow

THE FOUR teams which will dispute the season's overall championship will be known. when the Callaway-sponsored Women's Golf Association of the Philippines (WGAP) holds the eighth and final leg of its annual circuit tomorrow at the Sta. Elena Golf Club course in Laguna.

Under a new format, the top four teams after the regular eight legs of the circuit will dispute the overall crown via a three-day round-robin series next month at a venue still to be decided upon.

As it is, Sta. Elena with 25 points, Villamor (23) and Riviera (22) have put the lock on the first three slots with Alabang (18) and Navy (16) set to dispute the remaining fourth berth.

Golf Power presents Cup

GOLF Power, today, presents the First President's Cup, the inaugural tournament staged to honor the president of Wack Wack Golf and Country Club, Benjamin Abalos. The event, held at the East Course, was participated in by the club's members and guests.

Also featured on the show are the regular dose of golf tips, trivia, definition of golf terms and rules.

Golf Power, now on its sixth year, is aired every Sunday, 3 p.m. on IBC-13 and is hosted by golf professional Gerard Cantada.

Silver Story leads Mitra cast

TRIPLE Crown champion Silver Story and emerging two-year-old racing phenom Golden Ballet lead the parade of track stars set to see action in today's featured running of the 2nd Mitra Cup Championships, highlight events of the blue-ribbon Philtobo Futurity Championship Day at the San Lazaro Hippodrome.

Unraced since his successful sweep of the local Triple Crown Series from May to July this year, champion gray galloper Silver Story seeks to reestablish his dominance of the three-year-old division as he matches strides with five other game challengers in the Mitra Cup Three-Year-Old Colts Championship Race over 1,500-meters.

Withdrawn from the recent TAB Philippines-Philracom Open Championship due to a suspected hoof bruise, connections of the celebrated colt have nonetheless expressed confidence that their prized charger has fully recovered and is currently in top form as evidenced by his most recent track work.

Big Four at San Lazaro

ONE WINNER

Edwin Villanueva

IT'S Mitra Cup day again!

Only in its second year, a lot of superlatives have been already said about this racing spectacle.

Once again, the best gallopers in the country, minus of course the towering Wind Blown, are on hand for this afternoon's event.

First to be flagged off among the Big Four today is the Juvenile Fillies where Jun Almeda's Golden Ballet is everyone's bet to prevail.

Golden Ballet, whose name was inspired by the color of Jun's daughters' (Kaye and Anika) ballet lesson uniforms, is out to make it four in a row when she competes in the 1,500-meter contest.

"*Konti pang swerte baka makaulit uli*," said Jun when we asked him about the chances of Golden Ballet whom he also bred.

Jun singled out Joy Rojas' Art of Rose as their most likely rival in the five-horse cast.

Another owner-breeder will be on the spotlight in the Juvenile Colts.

Albert Yam's galloper, Mighty Strong, also got a lot of attention the last time he ran that's why he's also tipped to rule the Juvenile Fillies.

Mighty Strong routed three others in a juvenile condition outing last Sept. 27, convincing those who doubted his Hombre Stakes victory that he can also do it over a shorter distance.

Yam singled out Bidang Bida as the "kalaban" in the race where railbirds also gave a nod on Baccarat and Conquer D Sun, another Joy Rojas entry.

Of the four majors, the Three-Year-Old Fillies is expected to be a wide-open contest.

My Silip Boy said he'll go for Ilocandia Slew of Tony Boy Eleazar and Myther Bunag but if he'll have more "panaya," he'll include Kitty Hawk and Silver Rose in his lineup.

In the Three-Year-Old Colts, fans would like to find out if Silver Story, last year's Juvenile Colts champion, has regained his deadly form.

Out to prevent Silver Story from posting a double is Rudy Mendoza's Batangas Entry, who has been impressive in tuneups.

I rarely go to the races nowadays but if the likes of a Mitra Cup program is on the line, I'll give it my best shot to be at the Turf Room or Boy Valdes' favorite spot—the Bulwagan—this afternoon.

Congratulations to the Philtobo for staging another Mitra Cup festival!

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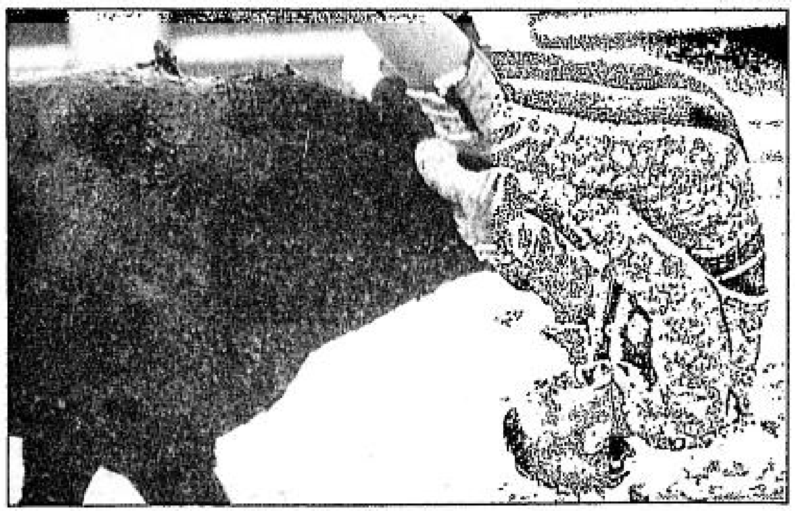

AP

GORED

Bullfighter Alfonso Romero screams as he is gored by his second bull during a bull fight in Madrid, Spain, yesterday. Romero was taken to a hospital. His condition is not immediately known.

Manila sports program up

ABOUT 4,000 boys and girls from all over the City of Manila are expected to receive basic instructions on taekwondo as the Manila Sports' "Kasali Ka" development program gets going tomorrow at 7 a.m. by the Manila Sports Council (Masco) at the Araullo High School.

Newly installed Masco head Ali Atienza, son of Mayor Lito Atienza, will inaugurate the six-sport grassroots development program for the city's youth.

The sports on tap are taekwondo, boxing, swimming, chess, basketball and softball.

"We decided to jump-start the "Kasali Ka" program with taekwondo as the sparkplug to spread among the poor in Manila's public schools a sport now more popular to the rich and affluent," the young Atienza said.

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BAP wants clarification

BY MARC ANTHONY REYES

BASKETBALL Association of the Philippines secretary general Graham Lim yesterday said he is puzzled over the decision of the Metropolitan Basketball Association to drop out of the Asian Games participation and will seek clarifications from league officials tomorrow.

Lim said he wants to hear it straight from MBA director for marketing and business development Mon Tuason if the reports are true that the MBA is not anymore interested in wearing the national colors in the Pusan Asiad next year.

"Until I hear directly from them, I still can't say for sure that the MBA really wants out of the Asian Games," Lim told the INQUIRER over the phone. "It's hard to believe it because I only talked to him (Tuason) the other day."

In their conversation, Lim said Tuason even expressed enthusiasm over the prospects of representing the Philippines in the Asian Games.

The MBA's apparent sudden change of heart was announced by Tuason, although such a decision will have to require the approval of the MRBI (Multi-Regional Basketball Inc.) made up of MBA team owners.

Lim added that BAP president Tiny Literal had an understanding with the MBA during the recent Kuala Lumpur Southeast Asian Games where the BAP head vowed to put in MBA players in the Asiad basketball team.

He also set a similar meeting with PBA executive director Sonny Barrios tomorrow to explore several possibilities in the event the BAP decides to keep alive its agreement with the league.

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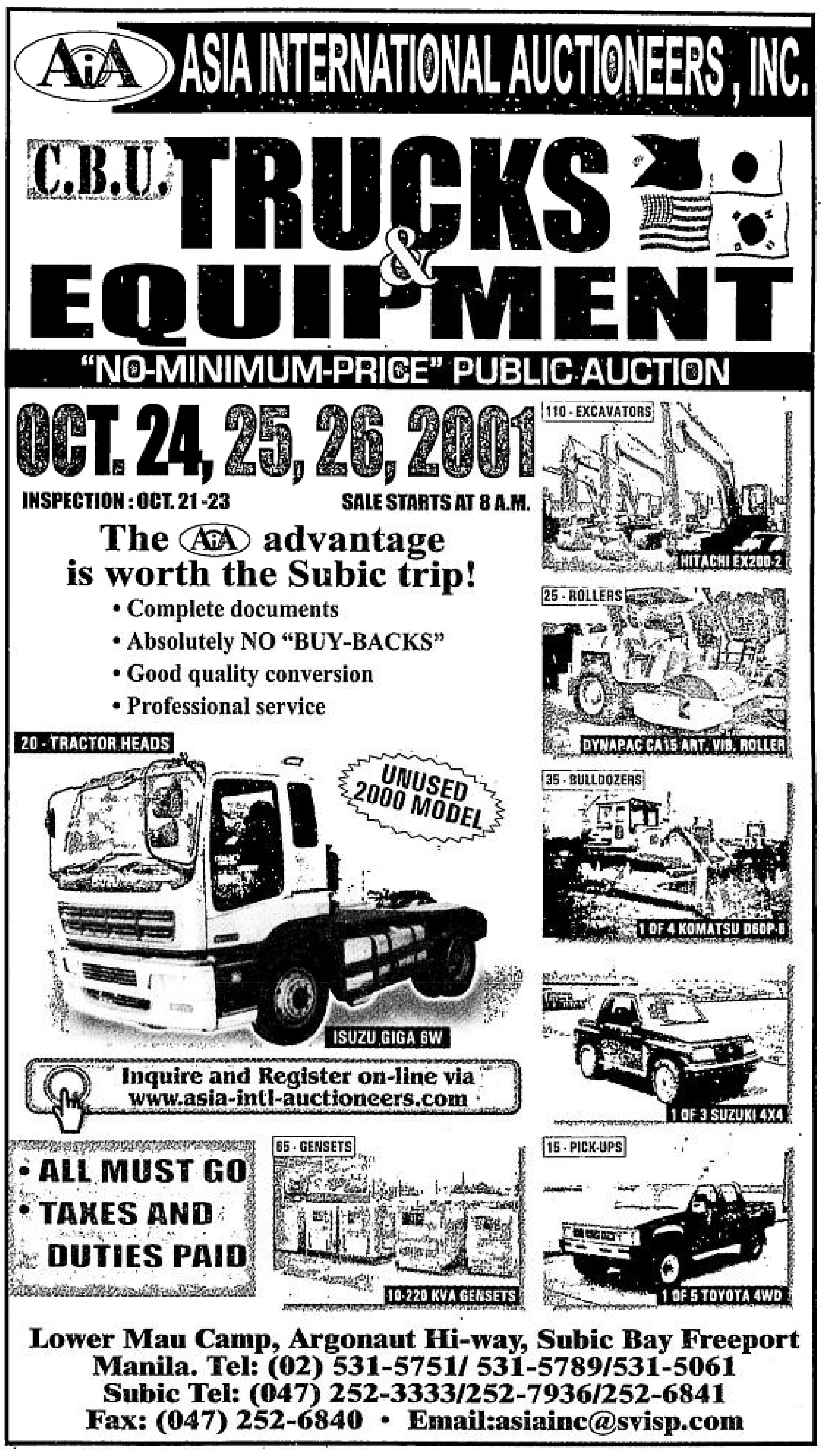

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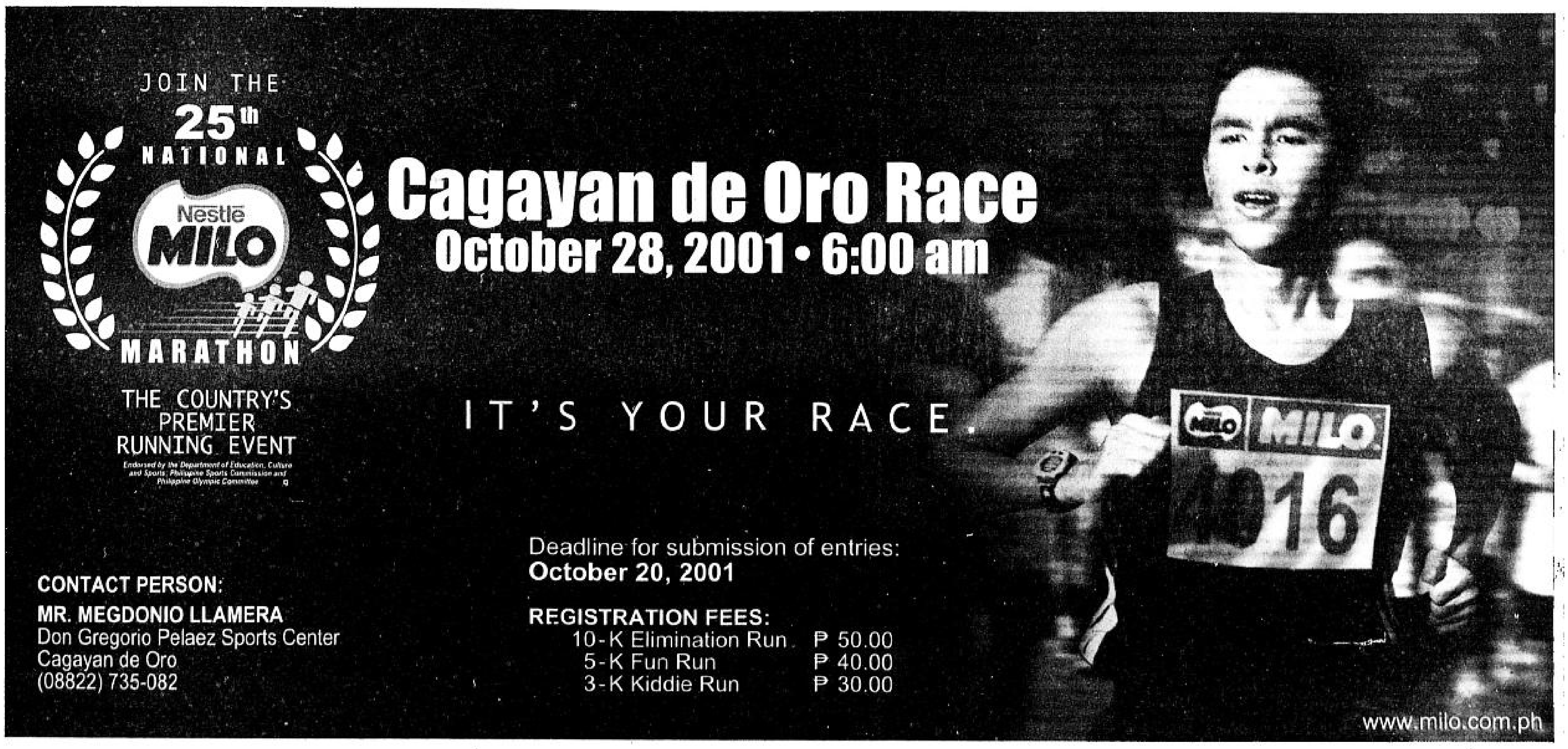

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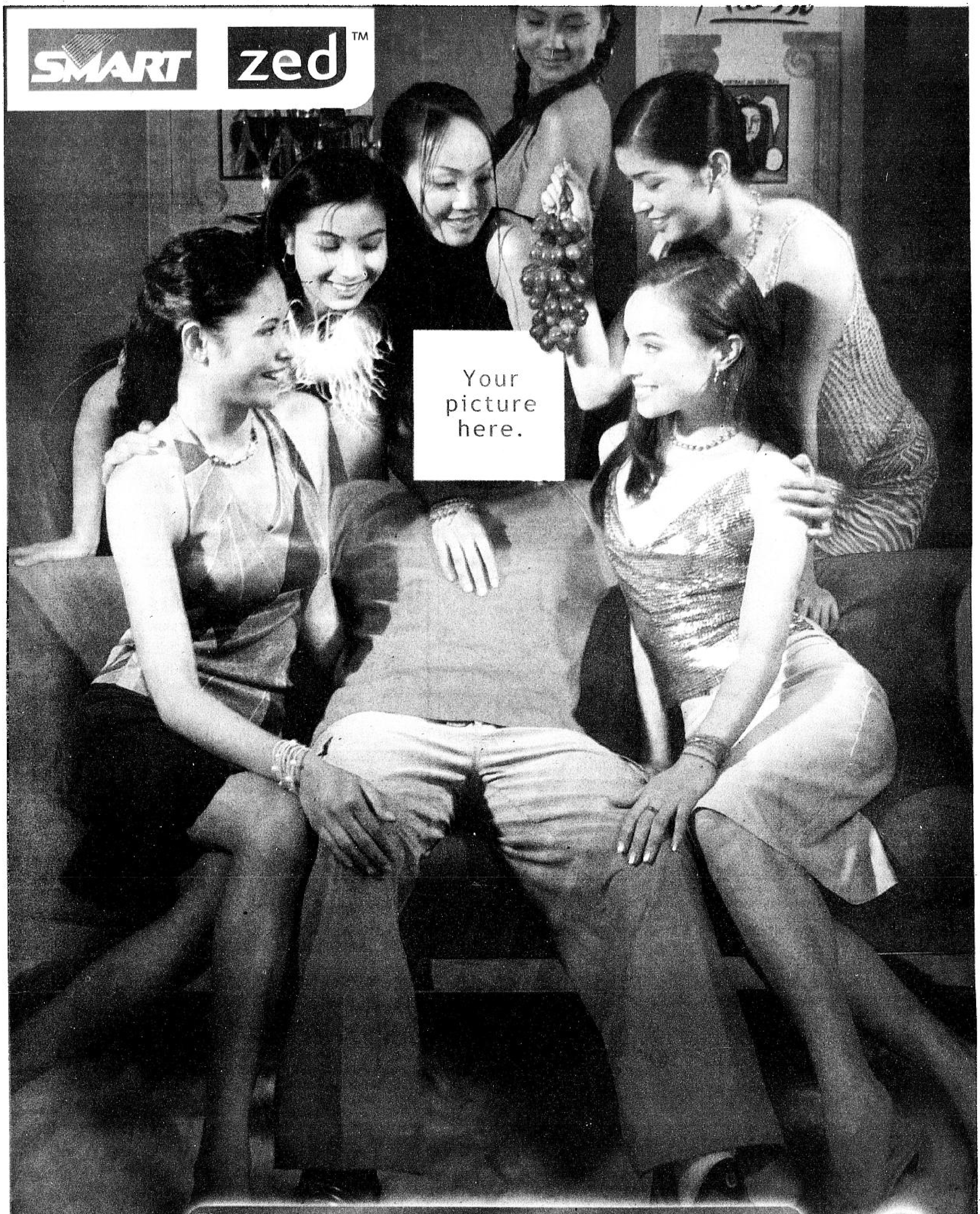
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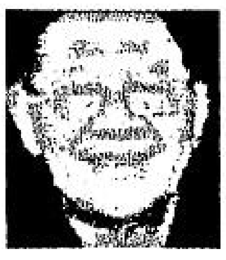

BELMONTE

Belmonte declares his area 'Metro Manila's cleanest'

By Andrea Trinidad-Echavez

THE QUEZON City government expects to save at least P200 million of its annual budget for solid waste management as local officials imposed stricter rules on garbage collection.

This early, Mayor Feliciano Belmonte Jr. has proudly declared that Quezon City "is now the cleanest city in Metro Manila."

According to Belmonte, the city has managed to cut down its budget for solid waste management from more than P700 million a year down to P500 million.

"This was made possible through plain good management," the mayor said Friday during the launching of a City Hall-led waste management drive called the "6 o'clock Habit."

Belmonte expressed optimism that with the help of residents and city-based environmental groups, the city could not only drastically cut the volume of its garbage but also raise public awareness on environmental concerns.

Shortly after he took over as mayor in July, Belmonte ordered that the garbage trucks hired by the city be reduced from 427 to 230, resulting in the dramatic decrease in budget.

QC's WASTE /A26

GMA to summon Abalos, Roman

By Juliet L. Javellana,
Tonette Orejas
and Greg Refraccion
PDI Central Luzon Desk

THE GARBAGE that has piled up at Pier 18 at the North Harbor, Manila has caused Malacañang to reel, not from the stink, but from the confusion over the orders on where to dispose them.

First, Malacañang said the garbage at Pier 18 should be immediately shipped to a 200-hectare dumpsite in Bataan. But Bataan Gov. Leonardo Roman denied there is a dumpsite in his province for Metro Manila's trash.

As a result, town officials and residents of Barangay Biaan, Mariveles, Bataan are up in arms over the plan to dump Metro Manila's garbage in their area and vowed to put up barricades to prevent the trash from coming in.

GMA TO SUMMON/ A26

SAMALA

Hotel's can-do man opens door to bright future

By Tina Arceo-Dumlao

TALES OF THE CITY

WHEN he was younger, August Samala felt he had everything going for him and he was assured of a bright future. He was going to college at the Far Eastern University for free because of his taekwondo scholarship and his mother's earnings from her little *sari-sari* store were enough to keep him and his little sister safe and comfortable.

His fate, however, took a sudden turn in 1992 when his mother suffered a stroke and became bedridden. He also lost his scholarship after he lost in a national competition. He eventually had to quit school in the last year of his electrical engineering course to allow his sister to finish school.

"I felt that I was left with two choices," Samala tells the INQUIRER, "I could either be an addict or

HOTEL'S /A26

Eddie Rodriguez, director, actor, 69

RODRIGUEZ

EDDIE Rodriguez, who won many awards for acting in and for directing film dramas, is dead. He was 69.

Rodriguez died of cardiac arrest at 11:30 p.m. Friday night at the Medical City in Mandaluyong, according to his daughter Angel Rodriguez, one of his four children.

Angel, 29, said her father had suffered lung cancer several years ago and one of his lungs had to be surgically removed.

Rodriguez peaked as an actor and director in the '60s and '70s when he won several acting and directing awards for his work in mostly love-triangle dramas with constant co-stars Lolita Rodriguez and Marlene Dauden, now both living in the United States.

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Unlucky 13 bagged in Ecstasy raid

By Philip C. Tubeza

POLICE on Friday busted what they said was a big-time drug ring in Quezon City and arrested 13 people, including a British businessman and two Americans, for their alleged involvement in the distribution of the designer drug Ecstasy.

Deputy-Director General Edgar Galvante, National Capital Region Police Office chief, said his men raided the house of suspected drug syndicate leader Marvin Ducat on Ilongot Street in upscale La Vista subdivision in Barangay Pansol, Quezon City.

Besides Ducat, the policemen arrested British businessman Stewart Macdonald, 27, of Parc Chateau, Ortigas Center, Pasig City; and Americans Jayson Johnson Jeffrey, of Wack-Wack Twin Towers; and teacher Philip M. Glass, 34, also of La Vista.

The other suspects were Ducat's brother Joseph Vernie, a music producer; interior designer Mel Santos, 27, of East Greenhills, San Juan; Jovy O. Crispal, 24, of BF Homes Parañaque;

Anton G. Garcia, 21, of Greenmeadows, Quezon City; Jacqueline V. Ulragan, 21; Analisa San Juan, 27; Aljor P. Castro, 43; Virgilio F. Rivas, 40; and Subic Bay businessman Oliver J. Villar, 29.

Galvante said his men entered "Ducat's sprawling residence" and seized 39 Ecstasy pills, drug paraphernalia including gadgets for repacking Ecstasy pills, P77,500 in cash, a Mitsubishi Lancer with a fake registration sticker, and a Honda 150 motorcycle with no license plates.

Armed with search warrants from the Quezon City Regional Trial Courts, members of the NCRPO regional intelligence and special operations office raided the house on Friday after a month-long surveillance, Galvante said.

He said his men also arrested four other people who were later released because the police lacked enough evidence to pin them down.

The Filipino suspects are now detained at the NCRPO headquarters while the police prepare the appropriate charges against them, Galvante said.

The three foreigners were referred to the Bureau of Immigration and Deportation.

Galvante also revealed that Glass is an overstaying alien.

Holdup suspect shot dead

By Jerome Aning

ONE of three armed men ended up dead when they decided to shoot it out with police in Sta. Mesa, Manila before dawn yesterday.

Rino King Ocampo, 23, of Valencia Street, Sta. Mesa, died on the way to the Ospital ng Sampaloc, police said.

Rodindo Montero, a member of the Citizen's Crime Watch who joined the police pursuit, is in critical condition at the University of the East-Ramon Magsaysay Hospital with a gunshot wound in the chest.

Police arrested Ocampo's companions: Rodel Nino, 24, a salesman of Dumlao Engraver Corp. and resident of Quezon City, and Ronald Mendoza, 28, an electrician's helper and resident of Commonwealth.

PO3 Rodolfo Lingcong of the Western Police District homicide section said a person called up WPD Station 8 headquarters in Sta. Mesa and told policemen that three "suspicious-looking" persons appeared to be casing a business establishment on Fortuna Street near the corner of Ramon Magsaysay Boulevard.

Members of Station 8 special reaction unit composed of SPO1 Julianito Carandang, PO3 Roberto Zapata, PO3 Christopher Javier, PO2 Carlito de los Santos and PO1 Gener de Guzman, together with Montero, responded to the call. On Fortuna, they flagged down the suspects who were on board two motorcycles.

One of the suspects allegedly fired at them, hitting Rodindo on the right chest. The lawmen returned fire and hit Ocampo.

Fire bureau to undergo revamp

NEWLY designated Bureau of Fire Protection chief Francisco Senot said he would revamp the bureau by designating efficient and effective assistant regional directors.

Senot said he would give current assistant regional directors three to six months to improve their performance or he would replace them.

As part of the selection process, he would soon conduct dialogues with BFP personnel, he said.

He also directed all assistant regional directors to immediately submit reports on fires in their regions as well as the inspection activities of their units.

Senot issued the directive in the recent command conference at the main office of BFP in Quezon City. Until his appointment, he was the BFP's acting chief.

He said he would also streamline the bureau, which would affect newly recruited firemen who are assigned to the national office because of their connections with bureau officials.

He also revealed the creation of the Death and Disability Board to implement policies and procedures for death and disability benefit claims.

Gines-Miran

RETIRED Manila City fiscal Pilar Gines-Miran, a native of Sta. Maria, Pangasinan, passed away on Oct. 11 at the age of 91.

She is survived by sister Arsenia M. Cava of Toronto, Canada and brother Jesus G. Miran of Chicago, USA; nieces, nephews, grandchildren and great grandchildren by deceased siblings Cirilo, Braulia, Francisco, Candida and Benedicto.

Her remains lie in state at the Loyola Memorial Chapels in Guadalupe, Makati. Burial will be on Oct. 16, Tuesday, at the Loyola Memorial Park in Marikina.

ERIK ARAZAS

BARE FAITH

The faithful spilled onto the grounds outside the Golden Mosque in Quiapo during a prayer rally for peace last Friday

'HARASSMENT'

Drug suspects rounded up in Islamic Center

By Jerome Aning

WESTERN Police District members yesterday said they arrested seven suspected drug pushers and users during a raid on the Islamic Center in Quiapo, Manila.

The arrests were made even as more than 60 Muslim leaders met with WPD director Chief Supt. Nicolas Pasinos Jr. to protest against what they said were police's regular random abduction and indiscriminate arrests of Muslim residents in Quiapo.

Caught yesterday by WPD Station 3 policemen were Jimmy Ali, 35, Kamal Bayabao, 35, Danilo Alik, 27, Lauminog Imam, 35, Sangkay Sultan, 17, residents J&L Building on 546 C. Palanca St., Quiapo, and their visitors, Rolando Valencia and Andy Peres, of Mabalacat and Angeles City in Pampanga.

Policemen raided the second floor of the J&L around 4:30 p.m. after receiving intelligence information that the place was becoming a lair of drug pushers and dependents.

Some of the suspects were allegedly caught in the act using shabu. Allegedly seized from them were three transparent plastic sachets containing the drug, a strip of aluminum foil with shabu residue, a tooter, and lighter.

A skirmish nearly broke out when Ali pushed one of the lawmen as Ali was being led to the police vehicle. A certain Mike Macumbao, alleged protector and supplier of the suspects, rushed to the scene and fired his gun thrice in the air, police said.

But Macumbao was able to escape by losing himself in the large crowd of kibitzers that watched the raid.

In a dialogue with Pasinos Friday afternoon, Muslims leaders led by Macanub Banaucag of the Office of Muslim Affairs and Dr. Arab Acmand named six lawmen who they said periodically raid houses and business establishments in the area, arrest Quiapo Muslims and extort from them.

It was later learned that the policemen were from the Northern Police District but were formerly assigned to the WPD. Pasinos promised he would have the six questioned as to why they were operating in Quiapo.

"Let us remove the perception that the Muslim community is a scary and dangerous place," he said during the dialogue which took place on Globo de Oro Street. "I want Christians to feel safe here, too."

GMA to summon Abalos . . . (From page A25)

Presidential spokesperson Rigoberto Tiglao said Roman and Metro Manila Development Authority chair Benjamin Abalos would be asked on Monday to explain the confusion that arose from an emergency meeting in Malacañang last Thursday.

Secretary Victoria Garchitorena, head of the Presidential Management Staff, told reporters after Thursday's meeting that three immediate solutions to the garbage crisis were agreed on at the meeting. One, she said, was to ship the garbage to a Bataan dumpsite, which she said already has an environmental clearance certificate.

Garchitorena told reporters that it was the President who ordered the MMDA to ship the garbage by barge to Bataan.

But Abalos denied there was such an order. He said what the President ordered was for the MMDA to accept all legitimate proposals for sanitary landfill sites.

Tiglao said that during the meeting on Thursday, Quezon City Mayor Feliciano Belmonte reported there is a Bataan dumpsite with an ECC and that "there is an order from the President to immediately move the accumulated garbage."

"So right now, we are clarifying what is really available," Tiglao said.

Bataan residents are not too thrilled about the prospects of opening up its dumpsite for Metro Manila's trash.

"Over our dead bodies," said Bataan Rep. Enrique Garcia.

"We will not allow this imposition on us by the national government," said Jonathan de los Reyes, spokesperson of the Mariveles Laban sa Basura ng Kamaynilaan.

Bataan Rep. Antonino Roman said he could not imagine his province being converted into another Smokey Mountain.

Early last year, the DENR recommended a piece of property near the coast between the boundaries of Mariveles and Bagac towns as the "ideal site for a sanitary landfill."

The national government has yet to conduct a public hearing on the plan.

The barangay council of Biaan and the Bataan provincial board passed in December last year separate resolutions supporting MMDA's proposed landfill in Mariveles despite opposition from the municipal council.

Governor Roman's statements denying the existence of a Mariveles dumpsite have not placated the residents, De los Reyes said.

He said the attempts by the MMDA in January to develop the landfill had been stopped by the residents. They blocked earth-moving equipment from entering the Biaan site, located some 20 kilometers from the town center.

Mariveles lies northwest of Manila Bay and is almost two hours from Pier 18.

Then Flagship Projects Undersecretary Manuel Gaite confirmed that the MMDA had a plan to set up a dumpsite or a landfill in Mariveles.

He bared the plan to deny reports that the MMDA was starting a landfill at the abandoned Dizon mines in San Marcelino, Zambales.

Garcia, a long-time political rival of Governor Roman, said some local officials might agree to the proposal for Bataan to host a garbage site because of the financial considerations and job opportunities for residents.

While Roman denied that the MMDA or private contractors have asked for permits to build and operate a landfill in Mariveles or in other parts of Bataan, Garcia said local officials were keen to pursue the plan "so they can make money."

"There is absolutely no area in the province ready and available to accommodate the garbage of Metro Manila," he said.

In San Fernando City, Gregorio Nisperos, regional director of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources, said his agency has not issued an environmental compliance certificate to the Mariveles landfill or to any other proposed waste facilities in Central Luzon.

He said it was former Environment Secretary Antonio Cerilles who proposed the Mariveles landfill at the height of the garbage crisis in Metro Manila which was sparked by the closure of the San Mateo landfill in Rizal.

Inside the Clark Special Economic Zone, the Clark Development Corp. continued to push its joint venture with a German company for a 300-hectare landfill in Barangay Kalangitan, Capas, Tarlac.

The landfill was also met by protests from Aeta communities. That dumpsite is meant to accommodate trash from Clark-based industrial companies as well as communities around Clark, Central Luzon and Metro Manila.

CDC president Emmanuel Angeles last week formed a task force to fast-track the project.

Clark, unlike the Subic Bay Freeport Zone in Zambales, does not operate a landfill or dumpsite and relies on Angeles City for waste management.

Hotel's can-do man opens . . .

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I could work hard."

He took the more difficult path because he was, at 22, the head of the family. His father and his mother had long ago separated.

He worked at the Cavite export-processing zone, as a quality control employee. His job was to check rubber shoe insoles, for which he earned less than the minimum wage. He moved to the Makati branch of a popular pizza parlor where he was assigned to the graveyard shift washing tall stacks of pans.

"I would work while my feet were soaked in water because there was a drainage problem, but I had to do it," Samala recalls.

Pageboy

Then he tried his luck and applied with the Makati Shangri-La Hotel. Even when he was not a college graduate, he was hired as a pageboy, opening the hotel's front doors for guests.

"I was a pageboy for six months before I was promoted to bellman," he says. "I carried luggage for the guests for close to three years. I remember getting my biggest tip of $150 as a bell man."

His efficiency and the quality of his service to guests were not lost on his supervisors, who promoted him again to concierge clerk.

"I was a concierge clerk for three years. I handled airline bookings, restaurant reservations, limousine transfers and I even arranged tours for guests. After that I was promoted to be a concierge supervisor."

He was also assigned to the Shangri-La in Kowloon, Hong Kong where his superiors also noticed his good work.

A concierge supervisor is responsible for the bellmen, the page boys and the valets. It was as a concierge supervisor that Samala earned the best recognition that he could hope for-membership in the Society of Golden Keys.

The Society of Golden Keys is an international group to which only the best concierges are invited.

On his toes

A concierge is measured by his ability to provide everything possible to keep guests happy. Samala says a concierge should always be on his toes because he never knows what guests will ask for.

"It is like the can-do department," he says of his post. "You cannot say no, so you should be resourceful."

He recalls the time when an American guest asked for his help in looking for his father's war buddy who was buried at the Libingan ng mga Bayani. The guest did not know the dead man's name, except that it was either Jones or Smith.

"Of course there were about 150 people buried there with those names but we managed to find his father's friend," Samala says.

The girlfriend of another guest asked him to fill up the guest's room with balloons because it was Valentine's Day, and to add a Minnie Mouse stuffed toy to let him know that it was from her.

"I had to figure out how to charge the expense to her because she was in the United States," Samala says. "I had to call different people to get the authorization but I was also able to do it. The guest was so happy when he came into his hotel room."

Fulfillment

He says he feels fulfillment when he is able to grant the requests of hotel guests. The job, he says, is never boring for there is always something new to do, like book helicopter rides or arrange city tours.

Samala is proud to be one of the newest and youngest members of the Society of the Golden Keys, which he says is a testament to all the hard work he put in to be where he is now. Indeed, it is quite a long way from those days when he checked shoe insoles.

"I do not advise people to go to work without getting a college degree first," he says. "I had to put in more effort compared to those with a college degree because they will always have the advantage.

"I always say that people with a college degree go up the ranks using the escalator, while I had to take the stairs."

Samala now has his own family, with a wife who also works at the Makati Shangri-La and two sons.

He feels again that he has everything going for him, that the future is bright.

Looters have a field day in Caloocan market fire

By Philip C. Tubeza

LOOTERS had a field day when a one-and-a-half-hour fire struck a public market in Caloocan City before dawn yesterday.

"They were openly stealing or taking away goods from the stalls and they looked like drug addicts," Insp. Agapito Nacario of the Caloocan-Bureau of Fire Protection said of the looters who took advantage of the fire at the Poblacion Public Market on 10th Avenue.

Though only one person, a stall owner surnamed Guevarra, was seriously injured in the blaze, damage could reach millions of pesos due to the looting, investigators said.

Nacario said the stall owners estimated damage at P10 million. He said investigators were looking into the possibility that the fire was intentionally set.

Nacario said the fire began in the general merchandise store owned by Pedro Mendoza around 1:15 p.m. Flames spread quickly to surrounding stalls and reached the fifth fire alarm.

Besides Caloocan firemen and volunteers, fire fighters from Malabon, Navotas, and Valenzuela also helped in putting out the blaze, he said.

The fire was put under control at 1:54 a.m. and was put out at 2:43 a.m. It consumed nearly half of the market, Nacario added.

"Some of them even had knives with them and so I told my men to be careful and focus on putting out the fire," Nacario said of the looters.

Only four policemen were said to be at the scene of the blaze.

Members of the 10th Avenue Poblacion Public Market Stall Owners and Vendors Association said the city government wanted them to move to another building.

City hall allegedly plans to transform the public market to a commercial complex.

QC's . . .

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Yet, despite the cut in the number of garbage trucks, waste collection became more efficient and systematic, the mayor claimed.

The efficiency, he said, could be attributed to the strict documentation and monitoring of every trip the garbage trucks made.

Belmonte said city hall staff in charge of the solid waste management would be leading drives to vigorously push for waste segregation and composting.

City hall will also carry out a massive information drive on the "6 O'clock Habit."

The drive encourages residents to develop the habit of cleaning their backyards every 6 a.m. or 6 p.m.

Belmonte hoped that the drive could not only bring down the budget allocation for garbage disposal but also result in a cleaner environment.

He said the savings generated from the garbage budget would be allocated for the rehabilitation of the Payatas dumpsite.

Eddie . . .

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He also made several fine dramas with his off-screen partner, actress and screenwriter Liza Moreno, herself a winner of acting and writing awards. She wrote screenplays under her real name, Louise de Mesa.

Rodriguez's last directorial job was a movie that starred Robin Aristorenas and Joyce Jimenez.

His children are Francis Albert, 30, Angel, Sheina, 16, and Dominic Luis, 9.

Rodriguez's remains lie in state at the Loyola Memorial Chapel in Guadalupe, Makati City.

'OSMOSIS JONES'

No one's talking about it, but it is a dazzler

By Paul Daza

REVIEW

BECAUSE an Oscar for "Best Animated Feature Film" will be given out for the first time in March 2002, nearly every studio with an animation arm has released at least one "cartoon" this calendar year, in the hopes that they will win the first animation Oscar. Dreamworks has given us the delightful, hilarious "Shrek," while Disney has fielded the underrated aquatic adventure "Atlantis."

Coming in November from Pixar, the makers of "Toy Story," is "Monsters Inc." Sadly, Fox Animation is out of the running because its two animated films, "Anastasia" and "Titan A.E.," didn't generate much business, and the animation unit had to be shut down.

Which brings us to "Osmosis Jones," Warner Bros.' peculiar but surprisingly enjoyable combination of animation and live action. You know that "OJ" won't feature a fairy tale romance, singing animals, pixie dust or a didactic moral lesson because it's directed by the Farrelly brothers, the juvenile filmmakers behind "There's Something About Mary."

How true it is that movies which you have no expectations of are often those which become pleasant surprises. Because no one is talking about "Osmosis Jones," you can walk into it without any preconceptions and be dazzled by the first-rate, stylized animation and the eye-popping art direction. As for the humor, you'll probably laugh till your tummy aches or be repulsed by it.

Bill Murray plays Frank, a recently widowed zookeeper who'll eat anything. His troubles begin when he swallows a half-eaten egg that's already been licked by a monkey. "Riding" on the rotten egg is a deadly virus (voiced with cool, icy menace by Laurence Fishburne) that soon begins wreaking havoc in Frank's immune system.

Switch

It's when we are inside his body that the film switches to animation. Chris Rock voices Osmosis Jones, a white blood cell (which, strangely enough, is colored blue) on the trail of the virus. He teams up with a time-release capsule (voiced by Frasier's David Hyde Pierce, last heard as the Stick in "A Bug's Life") to arrest the spread of the virus, which is killing Frank.

Frank's insides are a teeming, futuristic city called—what else?—the City Of Frank. It has its own mayor (voiced by William Shatner), its own police force, its own everything. The City Of Frank looks very much like an even more psychedelic version of Rouge City from "A.I. Artificial Intelligence," and this is where the movie's chief pleasures reside.

If you're a fan of movies about miniaturized people traveling inside human bodies like "Innerspace" and "Fantastic Voyage," you'll love how the body has been visualized for animation by the production designers of "Osmosis Jones."

Sickening

The animation is superb, unlike anything imagined or concocted by Disney.

Because this movie is directed by the Farrellys, there is a lot of sickening gags. The images of Bill Murray's ingrown toenail and exploding pimple are still festering in my head. I also loved the animated sequence where virus and antibody have their first confrontation.

It takes place in The Zit, a bar that's a lot like Star Wars' cantina, only this one's located in a pimple. Sadly, a place called Gonad's Gym where sperm cells exercise on treadmills was deleted so Warner Bros. could get the PG rating they wanted. And though this is a comedy, there are a couple of touching scenes between Murray and Elena Franklin, who plays his daughter.

If you thought "Shrek" was irreverent, I don't know how you'll describe "Osmosis Jones."

As one who's been a fan of animation for more than two decades, I'm happy that animators are constantly experimenting with the medium and taking it to places where it's never been. Computers have revolutionized the look of animated films, but only gifted script-writers and directors can elevate the cartoon's content.

Breaking barriers

Who would have guessed that Disney would be the first studio to tackle cross-dressing in a serious animated film like the beloved "Mulan"? Or that Paramount would produce "South Park—The Movie," featuring Satan and Saddam Hussein as lovers?

With "Osmosis Jones," another barrier between good and bad taste has been broken.

If you love animation because of the cute talking animals, enchanting forests, and the lived-happily-ever-after bit, stay away from "OJ."

Osmosis Jones" will probably be ineligible for that first animation Oscar next year because it has live action scenes. Even if it were eligible, the Academy would probably ignore it anyway because of its crude humor. However, I'm not ashamed to say that I liked "Osmosis Jones" because it IS innovative. It may not be everyone's cup of tea, but at least it's not the same cup of tea.

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Edu Manzano 'right choice' to host 'Weakest Link'

ACTOR-POLITICIAN Edu Manzano has been tapped to host "The Weakest Link," the country's newest game show set to start airing on Monday at 9:30 p.m. on IBC-13.

Viva TV executive producer Veronique del Rosario-Corpus pointed out that Manzano has nearly two decades of experience as screen and TV actor and host of talk shows, game shows and special events to bank on when he begins his stint's Philippine television's top quiz master.

"We believe Edu is the right choice for 'The Weakest Link,'" Del Rosario said. "His quick wit and sense of humor are ideally suited to the demanding job of host of this show. With him on board, I believe that 'The Weakest Link' will be every bit as successful as 'Who Wants to be a Millionaire.'"

WW2BAM ("Who Wants to be a Millionaire") marked Viva-TV's entry into the world of game shows a year ago. Hosted by actor Christopher de Leon, the show has become so successful it has revolutionized not only viewing habits but also the way game shows are presented.

In fact, "Millionaire" has been seen as the cause of massive changes in other networks' programming.

"The Weakest Link," which is known for its tense atmosphere, is the only show in the world that rivals WW2BAM in audience appeal.

With these two giants in the same channel, IBC-13, you can expect more changes to take place in Philippine television.

Manzano started in show business as a movie actor and has appeared in many memorable roles.

Among his best are "Contreras," "Ama, Ina, Anak," "Palimos ng Pag-ibig" and "Anong Kulay ng Pag-ibig." He is now filming the Nick Joaquin classic "Tatarin" for Viva Films.

His "Late Night with Edu" dominated the late night circuit for several years. Edu also dabbled in politics and served as councilor and vice mayor of Makati City.

Introduced last June over UK's BBC 2 channel, "The Weakest Link" is described as a cross between "Survivor" and "Millionaire."

The Philippine edition offers contestants the opportunity to win P1 million. As in the case of WW2BAM, Viva-TV will be producing an all-Filipino version of "The Weakest Link," but with the same top quality production values of the original UK program.

'Rent' star Calvin offered new role as transvestite

SHOWBIZ TIDBITS

Leah Salterio

CALVIN Millado made a big blunder during the first run of the musical "Rent" at the Music Museum last year. During a matinee performance, he came onstage without his microphone, which enraged the director, **Bobby Garcia.** They didn't talk for the rest of the run of the production.

"But I acknowledged my mistake and apologized to Bobby," Calvin shares. "On closing night, I said sorry again and we hugged each other."

Apparently, the booboo was not enough reason for Calvin to be excluded from future productions of "Rent." He was included in the cast of the Singapore run early this year. And he is in its third run at the GSIS Theater until Nov. 4.

Calvin reprises his role as Roger, a rocker and heroine addict on rehab. He lives a bohemian lifestyle and abides by the mantra of "Rent" which says "No day but today."

Keeping his character seem fresh after having done it for a long time is a challenge for Calvin.

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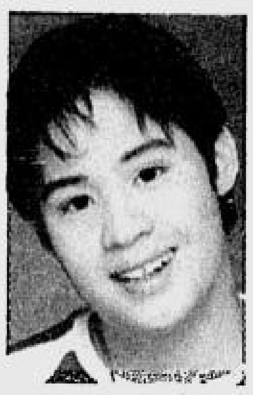

LOPEZ. From child star to teen recording artist.

"We now have new cast members," Calvin offers. "There's new blood which allows me to give my character a fresh approach every performance. Whatever motivation and inspiration they have, it helps. We've all discovered a lot of new things."

Roger, according to Calvin, is a highly emotional person, yet he's the epitome of cool. "He's in search of himself and wants to create one great song before he dies," he says. "His anger is repressed so he expresses it through singing. To be able to give life to my character, I dig into my personal chest of relationships."

As an artist, Calvin admits he also looks for answers in his personal life. "That's where I can relate to Roger," he says. "It's about knowing what you want in life."

Calvin notes that after three productions of "Rent," the cast members have grown closer to each other. The other members include **Michael de Mesa, Rachel Alejandro, JM Rodriguez, Joel Trinidad, Bituin Escalante** and **Gloria Sicam.**

"It's fun doing it now because we've come to grow as a family and that's what 'Rent' is all about," Calvin says. "The relationship growing among the cast is the nicest thing. You mature in your role and you see the other members mature in their characterizations."

After seven years in show biz, Calvin is thankful that he has maintained a steady career. Thanks to his manager, **Boy Abunda,** who keeps on giving him good breaks.

Calvin has also proven to be a good host. After "Rent," he is being offered the juicy role of a transvestite in "The Rocky Horror Show," to be staged by Atlantis Productions in October 2002.

"I'm still trying to decide if I can do justice to it," Calvin says of the role.

Calvin is excited that he will soon cut a new album for Viva Records, after having two earlier releases from BMG Records.

"I'm optimistic and very excited about the new album," he says.

He continues to improve his craft and carries the same passion and determination he had when he was still a tyro in the business.

At 33, Calvin also wishes to find an ideal partner and settle down. "I used to put deadlines on my personal life," he says. "But the more I did that, the more I got frustrated. So now, I take things as they are. I guess it's better this way."

L.A. is back

WE remember **L.A. Lopez** as the precocious kid on TV and the movies who had won first runner-up in the "Mr. Pogi" contest on "Eat Bulaga."

He entertained viewers as a mainstay of such TV shows as "Eh Kasi, Bata" and "Sineskwela." In the movies, he was the little comedian in "Juan Tamad and Mr. Shooli," "Ang Titser Kong Pogi," "John en Marsha" and "Lucio at Miguel."

And who can ever forget his classic line, *"Ang batang lumaki sa sinturon . . .?"*

But when L.A. turned 10, he chose to leave show biz and lead a normal life.

"I did not enjoy my childhood because I joined show biz at a very early age," L.A. says. "I wanted to be able to play with my cousins and study."

L.A. recently reemerged with a solo album, "Yakap," from Star Records.

Despite his absence, L.A. still gets recognized by a lot of people who see him in public places. "When I walk in the mall, someone will just come up to me and say, 'Aren't you L.A. Lopez? *Ang laki mo na!*" he shares. "It's a nice feeling that they haven't forgotten me after all these years."

L.A. would like to have a new TV show, now that he has returned to show biz. He is a high school junior at Sunny Hill in Quezon City.

He is busy with the promo blitz for his album. He revives the Tagalog ballad, "Yakap," originally recorded by **Junior.** The album was produced by his mom, former singer **Idonnah,** and recorded in the family's music studio, Pear Sounds.

All the songs were arranged by L.A.'s stepdad, **Rommel Villarico.** Other tracks include "Make Me a Love Song," "Bakas ng Lumipas," "Forever Loving You," "Sa 'King Kamay" (Tagalog version of "With These Hands"), "Ikaw ang Buhay Ko," "Ngayon Lang," "Music and Me," "I Do Love You," "Ikaw ang Buhay Ko" (duet with **Jolina Magdangal**) and "Farewell."

Next month, he will launch a "Yakap" outreach program for the less fortunate. His mom is now working on a tieup with Unicef, so they can give food and medicines to the poor.

"I want to give back and share with others all the blessings that I received before," L.A. says.

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3/4	cup light salad dressing or mayonnaise
2	tablespoons skim milk
2	tablespoons white vinegar
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4	slices bacon, cooked crisp and crumbled
	Salt and pepper, to taste

- Clean, trim and cut up broccoli into small flowerettes. In a large bowl, combine with onion, raisins and pecans.
- Mix together salad dressing, milk, vinegar and **Equal®**, stirring until smooth. Pour dressing over salad; and salt and pepper, to taste. Cover and refrigerate overnight.
- Top with bacon bits and toss again before serving.

Makes 8 servings

Nutrition information per serving:
217 cal., 5 g pro., 21 g carb., 14 g fat, 13 mg chol., 259 mg sodium
***Food exchanges:** 3 vegetable, 1/2 fruit, 3 fat*
52% calorie reduction from traditional recipe

Penne Salad Primavera

1	pound penne or medium pasta shells, cooked and cooled
1/2	cup fresh or thawed frozen peas, cooked
1	large yellow or red bell pepper, sliced
1/2	cup sliced green onions
1/2	cup blanched sugar snap peas
1/2	cup sliced carrots
1	cup skim milk
1/2	cup fat-free mayonnaise
1/2	cup red wine vinegar
1/4	cup minced parsley
3	teaspoons drained green peppercorns, crushed (optional)
6	packets **Equal®** sweetener or
1/4	cup **Equal®** Spoonful™
	Salt and pepper

- Combine pasta, peas, bell pepper, green onions, snap peas and carrots in salad bowl. Blend milk and mayonnaise in medium bowl until smooth. Stir in vinegar, parsley, peppercorns and **Equal®**.
- Pour dressing over salad and toss to coat; season to taste with salt and pepper.

Makes 6 (1-cup) servings.

Nutrition information per serving:
190 cal., 8 g pro., 36 g carb., 1 g fat, 26 mg chol., 188 mg sodium
***Food Exchanges:** 2 bread*
63% calorie reduction from traditional recipe

New York Cheesecake

1-1/4	cups vanilla wafer crumbs
4	tablespoons margarine, melted
3	packets **Equal®** sweetener or
2	tablespoons **Equal®** Spoonful™
2	packages (8 ounces each) reduced-fat cream cheese, softened
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2	eggs
2	eggs whites
2	tablespoons cornstarch
1	cup reduced-fat sour cream
1	teaspoon vanilla
1	pint strawberries, sliced (optional)
	Strawberry Sauce (optional, recipe follows)

- Mix vanilla wafer crumbs, margarine, and 3 packets of **Equal®** sweetener or 2 tablespoons **Equal®** Spoonful™ in bottom of 9-inch spring form pan. Reserve 1 tablespoon of crumb mixture. Pat remaining mixture evenly on bottom and 1/2-inch up side of pan. Bake in preheated 350°F oven until crust is lightly browned, about 8 minutes. Cool on wire rack.
- Beat cream cheese and 18 packets **Equal®** sweetener or 3/4 cup **Equal®** Spoonful™ in a large bowl until fluffy; beat in eggs, egg whites, and cornstarch. Mix in sour cream and vanilla until well blended. Pour mixture into crust in pan.
- Place cheesecake in roasting pan on oven rack; add 1-inch hot water to roasting pan. Bake in preheated 300°F oven just until set in the center, 45 to 60 minutes. Remove cheesecake from roasting pan, sprinkle with reserved crumbs and return to oven. Turn oven off and let cheesecake cool in oven with door ajar for 3 hours. Refrigerate 8 hours or overnight.
- Remove side of pan; place cheesecake on serving plate. Serve with strawberries and Strawberry Sauce.

Makes 16 servings.

Nutrition information per serving:
187 cal., 7 g pro., 13 g carb., 12 g fat, 56 mg chol., 253 mg sodium
***Food exchanges:** 1 milk, 2-1/2 fat*
39% calorie reduction from traditional recipe

Strawberry Sauce

1	package (16 ounces) frozen unsweetened strawberries, thawed
1	tablespoon lemon juice
6	packets **Equal®** sweetener or
1/4	cup **Equal®** Spoonful™

- Process strawberries in food processor or blender until smooth. Stir in lemon juice and **Equal®**, refrigerate until serving time.

Makes about 2 cups.

Nutrition information per serving (2 tablespoons):
12 cal., 0 g pro., 3 g carb., 0 g fat, 0 mg chol, 1 mg sodium
***Food exchanges:** free food*
45% calorie reduction from traditional recipe

Sweet and Sour Meatballs

1	pound lean ground beef
1	egg
1/2	cup dry unseasoned bread crumbs
1/4	cup beef broth
1	teaspoon minced garlic
2	teaspoons soy sauce
3	dashes red pepper sauce
1/4	teaspoon dried thyme leaves
1/2	teaspoon salt
1/2	teaspoon pepper
	Sweet and Sour Sauce (recipe follows)
	Finely chopped parsley

- Mix all ingredients except Sweet and Sour Sauce and parsley; shape into 20 meatballs and place in baking pan. Bake meatballs in preheated 350 degree oven until browned and no longer pink in the center, about 20 minutes.
- Arrange meatballs in serving dish; pour hot Sweet and Sour Sauce over and sprinkle with parsley. Serve over noodles or rice.

Sweet and Sour Sauce

1	cup beef broth
1	tablespoon cornstarch
1/2	cup **Equal®** Spoonful or
12	packets **Equal®** sweetener
1	tablespoon lemon juice
1	tablespoon Dijon-style mustard
2	teaspoons tomato paste
2-3	dashes red pepper sauce
1/2	teaspoon grated orange rind
	Salt and pepper, to taste

- Mix beef broth, cornstarch, and **Equal®** in small saucepan, stir in remaining ingredients, except salt and pepper and heat to boiling. Boil, stirring constantly, until thickened, about 1 minute. Season to taste with salt and pepper.

Makes 4 servings.

Nutrition information per serving:
326 cal., 26 g pro., 17 g carb., 16 g fat, 123 mg chol., 823 mg sodium
***Food exchanges:** 1 bread, 3 medium-fat meat*
25% calorie reduction from traditional recipe

Lemonade

3	cups cold water
1	cup lemon juice (about 4 lemons)
12	packets **Equal®** sweetener or
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- Mix all ingredients until **Equal®** is dissolved.
- Serve over ice.
- Garnish with lemon or orange slices and fresh mint, if desired.

***Tip:** Squeeze juice from lemons when you have time (or when lemons are on sale) and freeze the juice so it's ready to use when you need it.*

Makes 4 servings.

Nutrition information per serving:
31 cal., 0 g pro., 9 g carb., 0 g fat, 0 mg chol., 6 mg sodium
***Food exchanges:** 1/2 fruit*
81% calorie reduction from traditional recipe

Fruit Smoothie

1	cup orange juice
1	cup fat-free plain yogurt
1	frozen banana(*)
1	cup frozen strawberries or raspberries
6	packets **Equal®** sweetener or
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- Place all ingredients in a blender or food processor. Blend all ingredients until smooth.

(*) Peel and cut banana into large chunks. Place in ziplock bag, seal and freeze at least 5-6 hours or overnight.

Makes 2 servings.

Nutrition information per serving:
202 cal., 8 g pro., 45 g carb., 0 g fat, 3 mg chol., 78 mg sodium
***Food exchanges:** 1 milk, 2 fruit*
34% calorie reduction from traditional recipe

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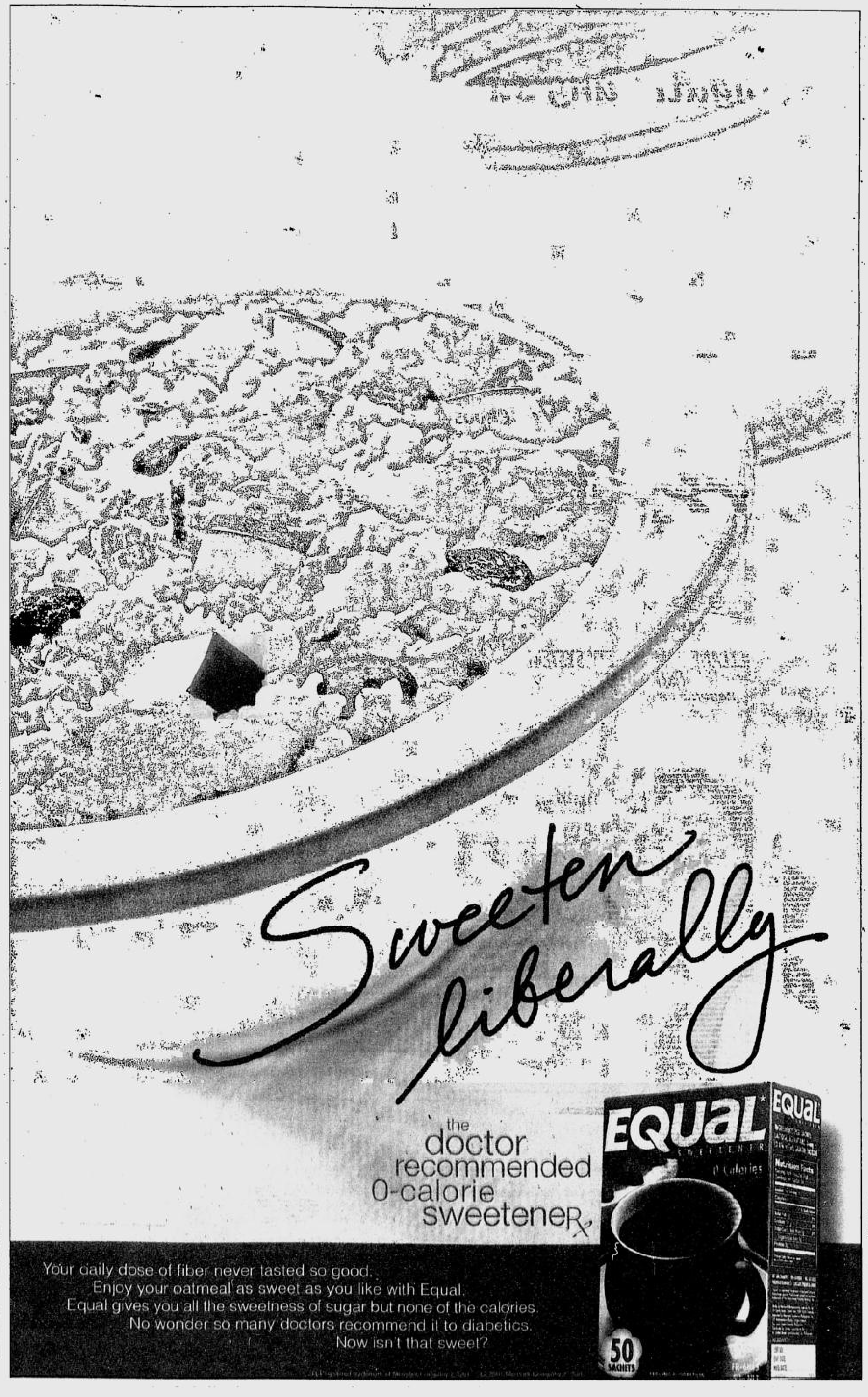

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Hollywood . . .

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how colorful or how interesting a villain he can really be cinematically," he added.

Miramax Films, a Walt Disney company, which last July bought the rights to "Crisis Four," a novel by British author Andy McNab chronicling Bin Laden's plans to blow up the White House, will tinker with the script to eliminate all references to the Saudi-born militant.

"We are reviewing the material in light of the recent tragedy and ongoing world events and right now the plotline of Osama bin Laden blowing up the White House will not be included in the film," Miramax spokesperson Matthew Hiltzik said in a statement.

Upcoming Hollywood blockbusters will no doubt feature "individual megalomaniacs . . . not necessarily connected to any particular ethnic group," Braudy said, noting the long-time entertainment industry strategy to avoid offending any potential ticket buyers.

"It would not surprise a bit that you would start to see heroes, with good Muslim sidekicks at their side . . . (who) believe in democratic ideas that are not radical or terrorist," Braudy mused.

And "there will certainly be a kind of paranoia about familiar spaces, like work spaces, any normal places as potentially becoming violent and deadly," he noted.

A transformation in how the "good guys" are portrayed is also likely, Braudy said.

"The hero is going to be a more normal person, an ordinary citizen sort of pulled into a situation rather than somebody with a lot of big muscles and incredible armament," he says. *AFP*

Exceptional . . .

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ready playing for a prize that will go to somebody else, so that should be considered enough of a "sacrifice" without his having to put part of his money in jeopardy.

At the end of last Tuesday's show, 15 new celebrities were chosen, from which, presumably, the program's next two final contestants were to be selected. We hope that they will turn out to be as exceptional as Julia Clarete and Mylene Dizon.

'Tiger Weekend'

Join popstar Coco Lee as she goes on a "Tiger Weekend" on the National Geographic Channel on Oct. 20 and 21 at 7 p.m. "Tiger Weekend" features a collection of the best programs on tigers:

"In the Shadow of the Tiger." This documentary chronicles a week in the lair of the tiger for a rare glimpse into the solitary life of this magnificent creature.

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"Tigers of the Snow." A unique team of Russian and American scientists work side-by-side to save the great Siberian tiger.

"Tiger's Eye." Acclaimed National Geographic photographer Nick Nichols photographs a tigress shortly before she becomes the victim of poachers.

ENTERTAINMENT

LOUIE C. CAMINO, Editor

Hollywood not expected to make Bin Laden films

LOS ANGELES - Hollywood studios looking for a new brand of "bad guy" for their films are grappling with the dilemma of portraying Islamic terrorists as "enemy number one" without perpetuating offensive stereotypes.

"The hero and the villain is a black-and-white kind of situation and Hollywood is going to have to go through some acrobatics to try to figure out how to continue to do that and be sensitive," said Leo Braudy, professor of English and film history at the University of Southern California (USC).

Continuing a policy in place since the 1991 Gulf War, "Hollywood will probably stay away from the stereotyping of Muslims for fear of offending pressure groups, because that gives them negative publicity," argued Jonathan Kuntz, a member of the Film and Television faculty at the University of California - Los Angeles (UCLA).

Fifty years ago, after the attack on Pearl Harbor by Imperial Japan, Americans had little trouble accepting the stereotype of the "Japanese enemy" adopted by Hollywood.

But America's diversity of cultures and ethnicities makes such stereotyping anathema to current filmmaking.

Since Washington and New York were attacked Sept. 11 by terrorists thought to be linked to Islamist militant Osama bin Laden and his al-Qaida network, there has been a passionate defense of American Muslims, resisting their metamorphosis into scapegoats for the horrific attacks.

"There might be a film or two with the Taliban as the villains but certainly it is not going to become a regular genre like during World War II when we had Nazis as the bad guys in so many films," opined Kuntz.

And as Hollywood generally refrains from including references to real villains in its productions, "I don't expect we are going to have a lot of films about Osama bin Laden as we didn't have ten years of films about bad people like Saddam Hussein," Kuntz said.

"Partly, because I don't know

HOLLYWOOD/ A30

TV special on terrorist aired at Bush request

NEW YORK—"America's Most Wanted," a US television program that profiles criminal suspects in hopes of eliciting tips from viewers, has produced a special about terrorists at the request of President George W. Bush.

The Fox TV network was rushing the special onto the air Friday night, in another sign of American TV's efforts to adjust coverage in light of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. Networks have already shuffled schedules and edited shows to remove things that viewers might find objectionable.

"It's pretty obvious to anybody living in our country today that we have an obligation to do what we can," said Fox entertainment chief Sandy Grushow. "Not only don't we have a problem with it, but we're honored by the request.",

Bush aide Karen Hughes' office contacted Fox with the request, Grushow said.

"America's Most Wanted" takes credit for the capture of 683 criminal suspects, including 13 on the FBI's "most wanted" list.

Pictures of the 22 "most wanted" terrorists, including Osama bin Laden, are posted on Fox's "America's Most Wanted" Website. Bush went to the FBI on Wednesday to publicize the list. *AP*

Exceptional celebrity contestants

VIEWFINDER

Nestor U. Torre

WE'VE viewed the first two weeknight telecasts of Chanel 2's new show, "Game Ka Na Ba?" (M-F, 8:30 p.m.), and we're happy to share these notes:

The show was lucky to have two good final contestants in Julia Clarete and Mylene Dizon on its fist two times out at bat. Mylene and Julia gave correct answers to most of the questions asked, so viewers didn't really know who would emerge as winner. This made the first telecast a particularly exciting competition.

This positive feeling was further bolstered by the fact that the first two sets of questions—on cartoon heroes and quotable movie quotes—were interesting and involving.

When Julia won over Mylene, she quickly moved up to P100,000 in winnings. Encouraged by her clear victory, she agreed to return the following night to raise the stakes.

Last Tuesday, she was an even better contestant than she had been the night before. Asked by host Kris Aquino to choose a job, Julia wisely chose the musician category, and astounded viewers when she got the answers to the first three of the module's five questions absolutely right. And that was good enough for her to double her winnings to P200,000.

That was when the new game show took on a more empathetic, emotional color: The next module was to be played for a person of the constant's choice – in Julia's case, her longtime *yaya* and surrogate mother.

Julia's Nanay Dita would win a living room and bedroom showcase if Julia came up with the right answers. However, if Julia struck out, not only would her Nanay Dita Not win the showcase, but Julia would also lose half of he prize money.

Julia opted to keep the P200,000, and her surrogate mother gave her assent. This was when it was revealed that Julia needed the money to buy a new car, because she had had to return her previous vehicle to the bank because somebody had squandered the money intended to pay for the car in full.

Well, by this time, everybody in the studio was crying, adding to the show's unique impact and appeal. We wish, though, that the game show's rules could be adjusted, so that a contestant can play for a loved one without having to forfeit part of the prize in case he loses.

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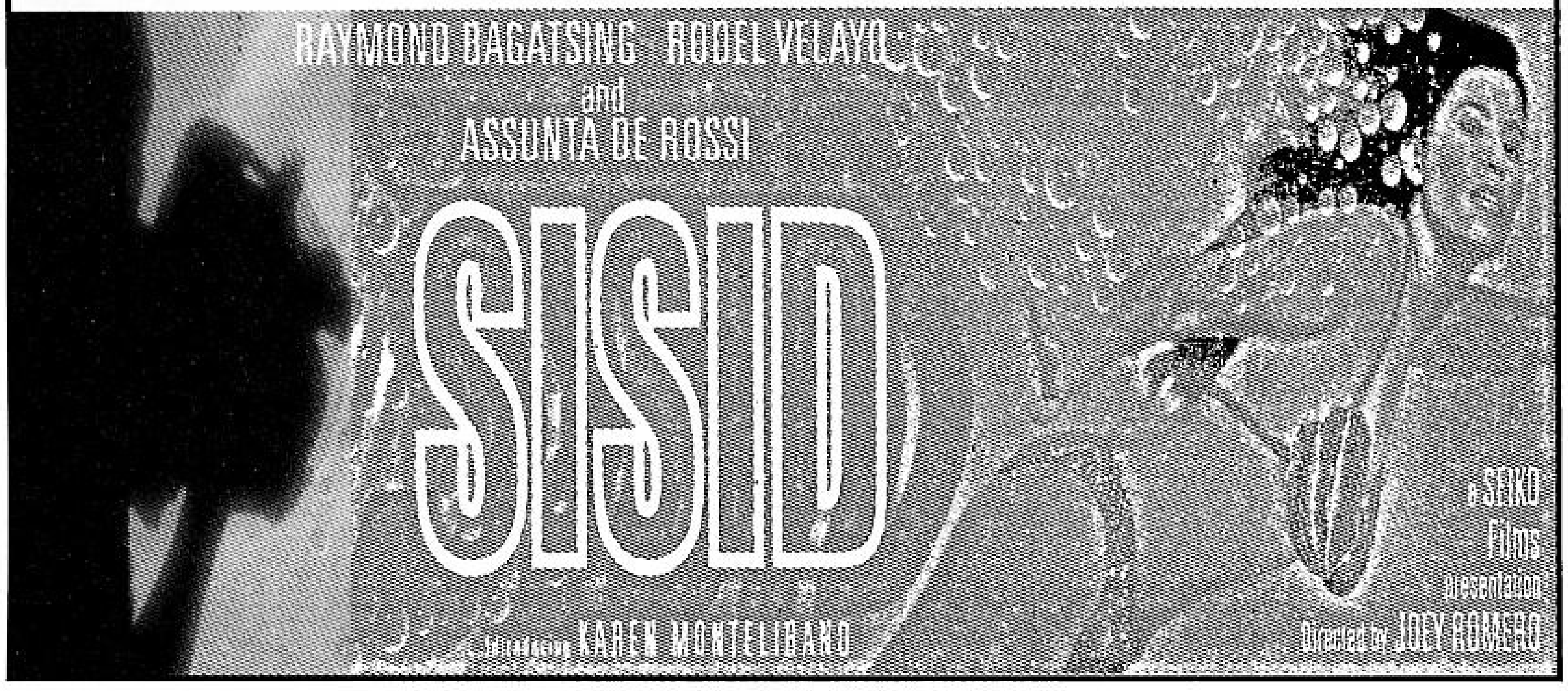
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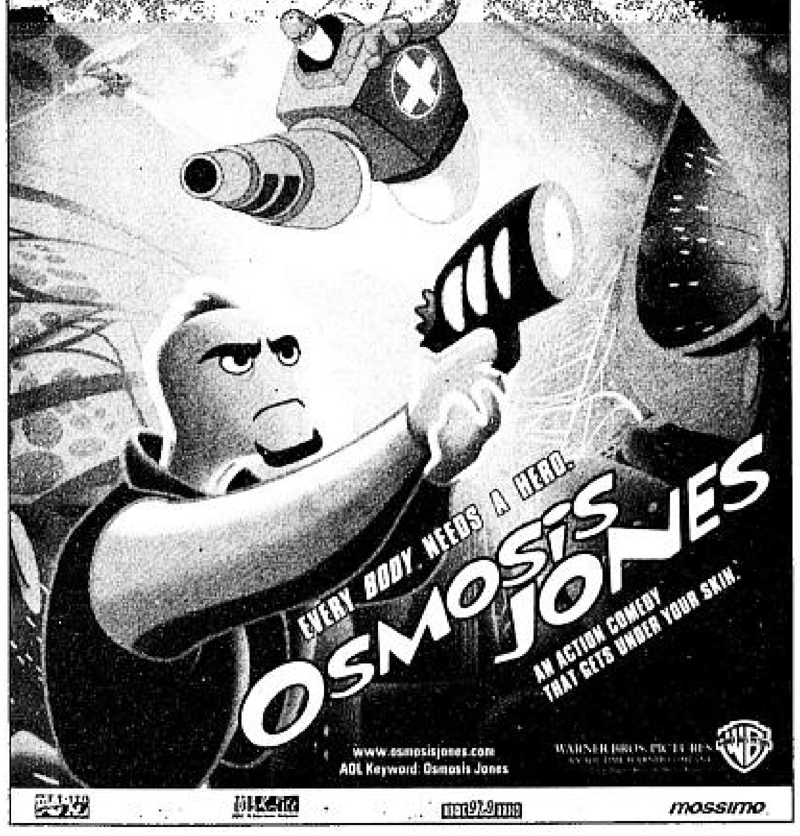
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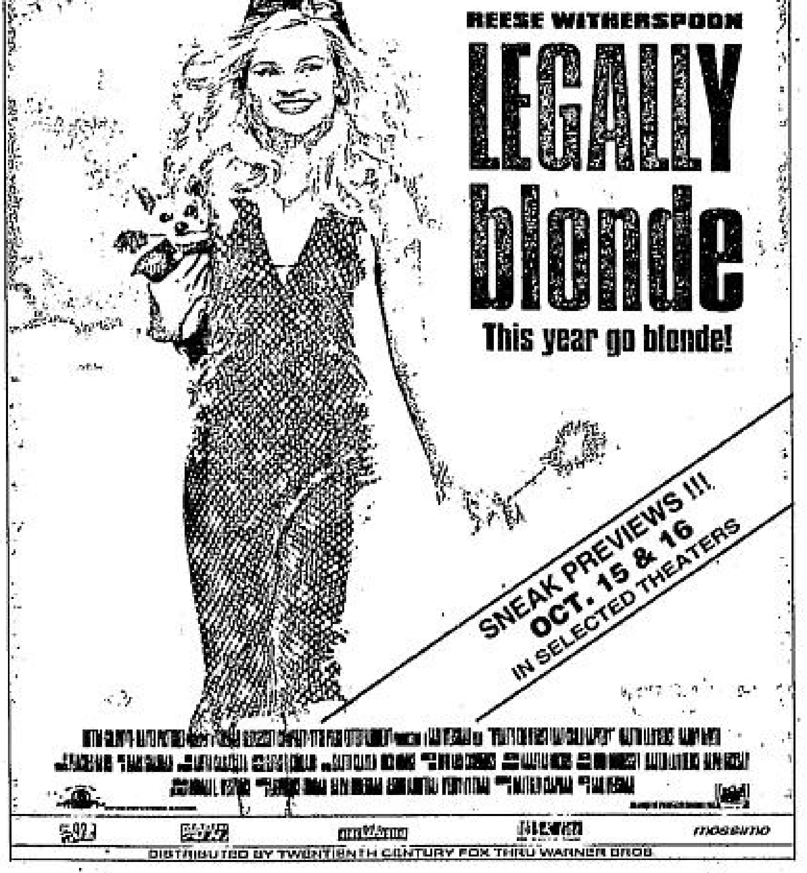
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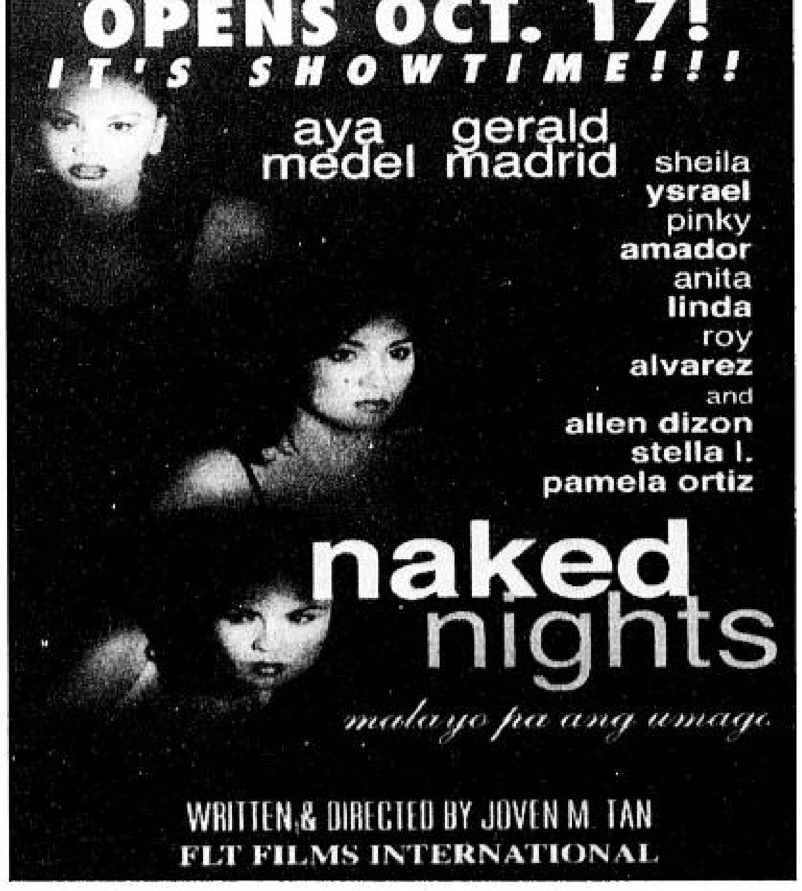
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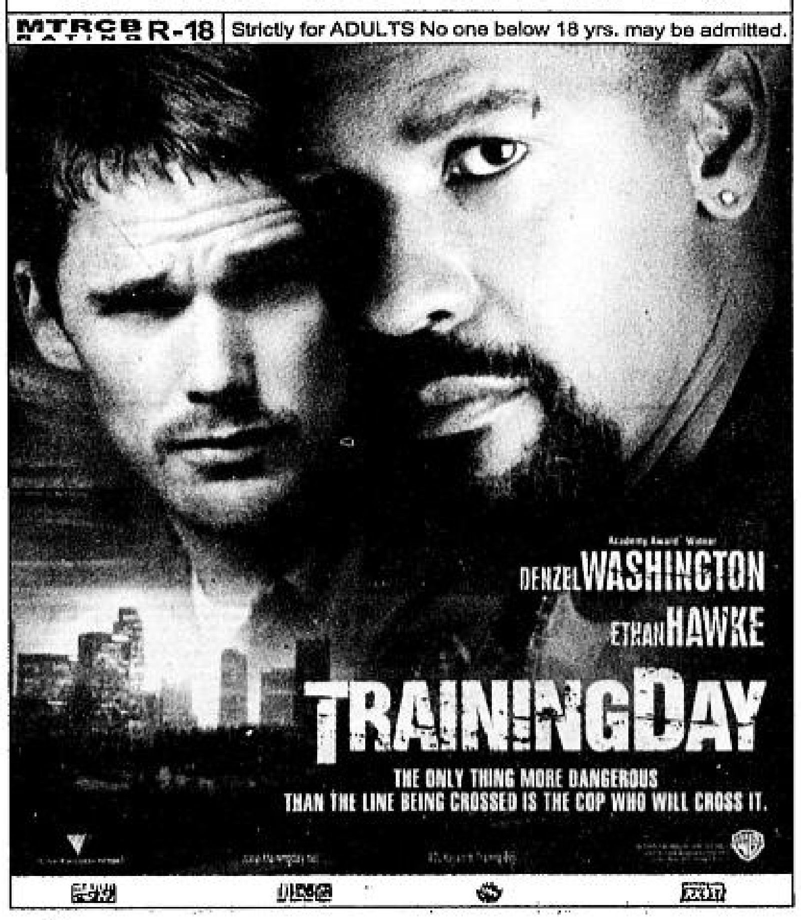
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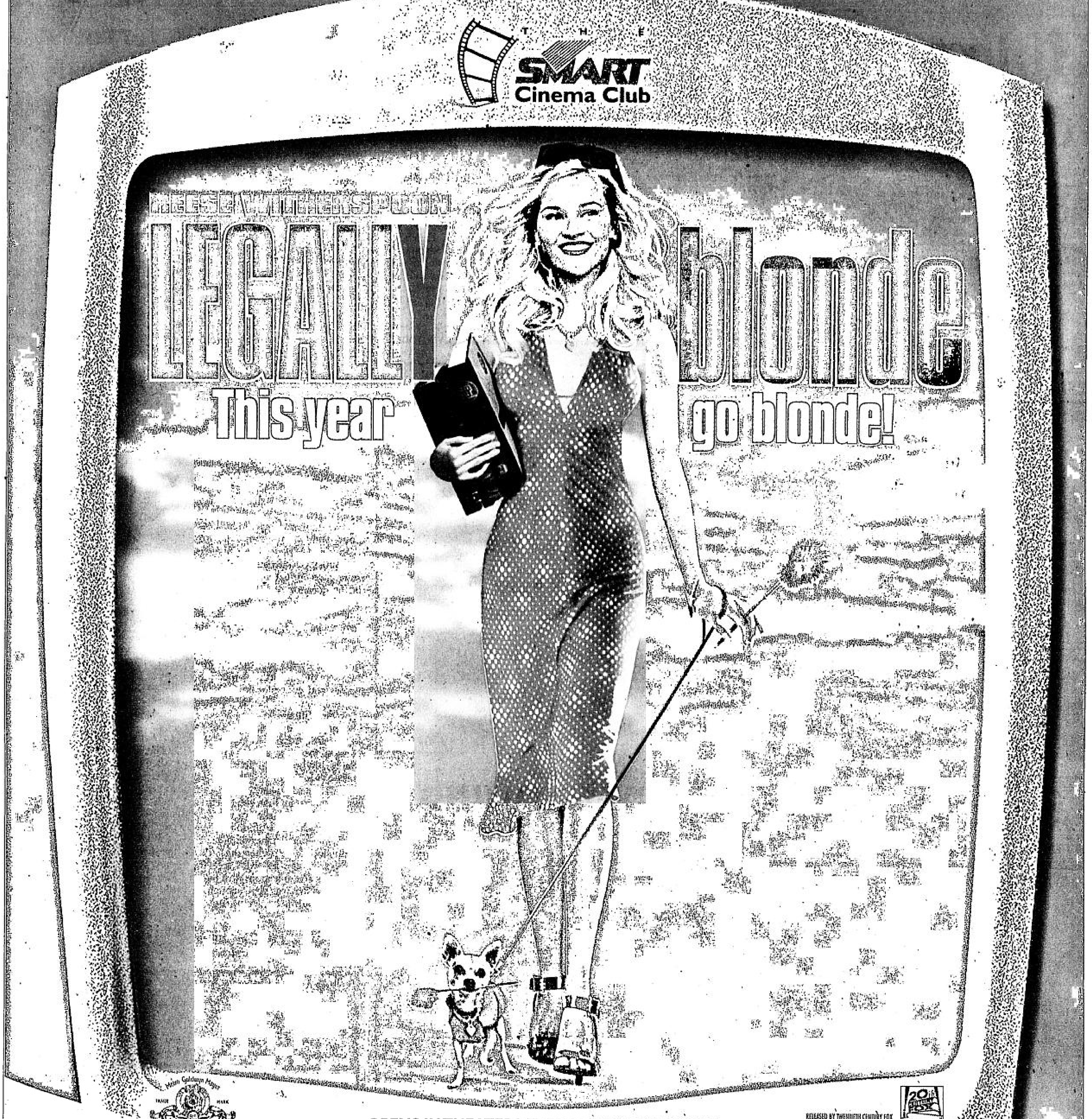

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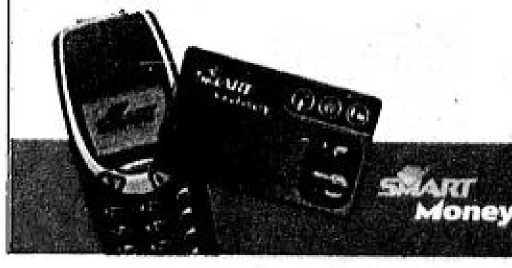

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From cigarette vendor to bank president

BY MARGIE QUIMPO-ESPINO

HIS dad died when he was five. The eldest in the family was 12 years old and the youngest was five days old.

He helped his mother feed the family by collecting leftover food (*kanin baboy*) from house to house which they sold to hog raisers. Earnings from this could not have been more than a few *sentimo* (at that time the amount still had value).

FIRST JOB

Ramon Sy, president and part owner of the International Exchange Bank (iBank), was born and raised in Cavite. At 11, he was unofficially adopted by a Chinese couple to be able to live and study in Manila.

At that age, he took to selling cigarettes on the streets.

In the 1950s, he got his first formal job as messenger of a Chinese-owned ad agency. He was still studying college at the Far Eastern University and was getting paid P120 a month.

As messenger of the agency, his task was to deliver the mail and collect checks. In many of these deliveries, he would see some of his classmates occupying

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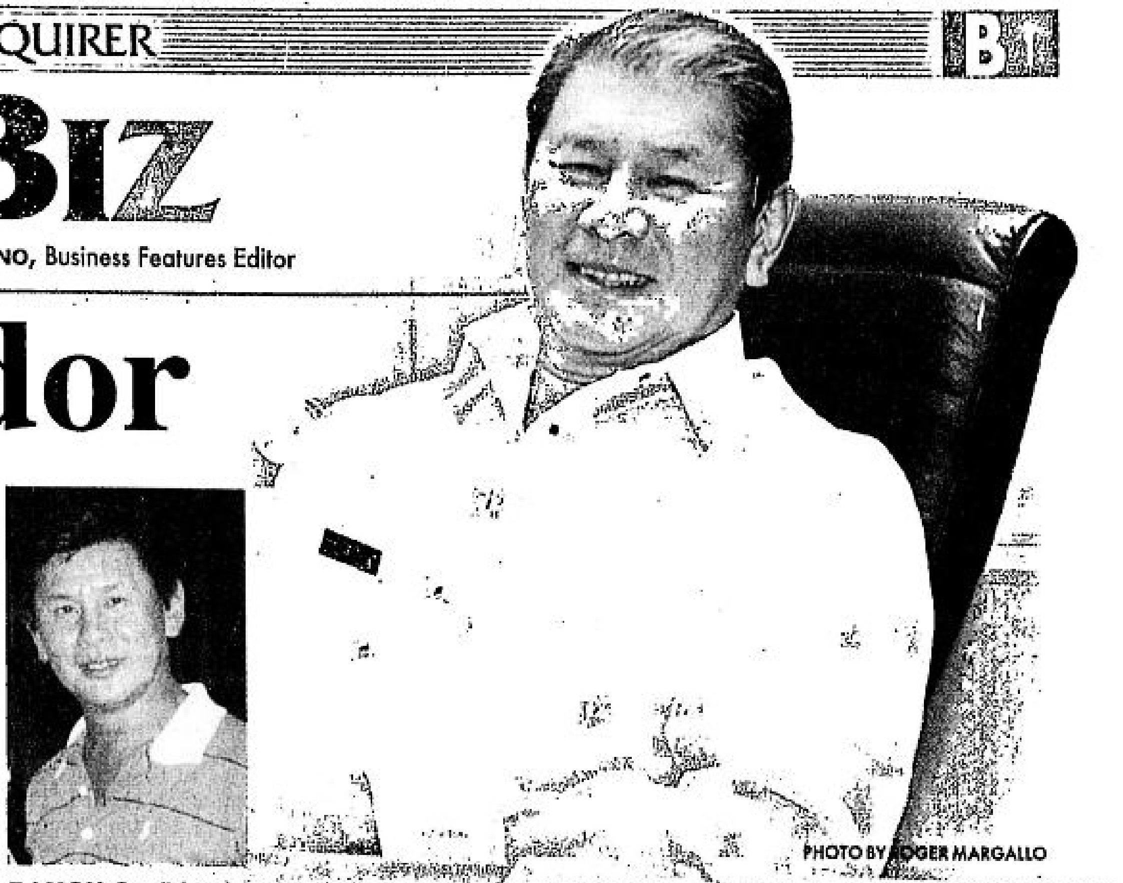

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RAMON Sy did not plan to be a banker. But a bank happened to find him.

TERESA Promida Sumaylo started with an order from a Korean. PHOTO BY VINCENT LABRO

Social worker gives up job, makes money out of coconut sheath

BY VICENTE S. LABRO
PDI Visayas Bureau

ORMOC CITY—Wearing one of those hats will make you feel like someone from the Old West, or a *haciendero* from the South. And if you are the outdoor type, you can put on a baseball cap, a ranger hat, a derby, or a sun visor. There is also an array of fashionable hats for the ladies.

Most importantly, these are the kinds of hat that we could wear with pride because these are made out of an indigenous material—the coconut sheath or *guinit*. Even foreigners love to wear these native hats.

Coconut trees have been with us for centuries now, and at present, Eastern Visayas ranks third among the coconut producing regions in the country. While nearly all parts of the coconut are useful, it seems that the use of the *guinit* was discovered just recently.

Never in her wildest dream did Ma. Teresa Promida Sumaylo, 38, see herself as an entrepreneur. But that was before 1994, the year when she first saw *guinit*-based handicraft products. Since that year, her life has changed, albeit gradually. Now, she considers herself a businessperson.

From an initial capital of P10,000, her business flourished and is now worth around P300,000 (Or maybe even a million pesos or more; she wouldn't tell). She is determined to expand her business interest so she could also provide some of her fellow Warays with jobs.

It was her ambition to become a doctor but decided to take a course in social work when she was late for enrollment in college. She graduated in 1984. The next year, she was hired by a Cebu City-based non-government organization where she worked for about 10 years.

She became the NGO's provincial head in her native Eastern Samar where she got involved in community organizing. It was there she met her husband, Vivencio E. Sumaylo of Palompon, Leyte. They got married in 1988.

In 1994 until early 1996, Teresa worked with another Cebu-based NGO. It was during these years that she had her first exposure to products made out of *guinit*. This was also the start of her being involved in "small time" business.

"My husband, who works as a consultant of a bank in Ormoc City, used to bring home to Cebu City some samples of products made by some local cooperatives doing business with the bank," she said.

"I sometimes ask my husband to bring a dozen or two of the products I liked and sold these to my office mates and friends."

First break

Teresa got her first break in "big time" business in 1996 when a Korean businessman approached her, asking if she could supply him some 5,000 *guinit* hats.

She readily accepted the deal.

She recalled having apprehensions that she will not make it, but she told herself that the skilled workers who will make the hats were already in place and there was a ready market.

When she accepted the order, she thought of getting the hats from Kananga, Leyte. It was from the Kananga hat makers that her husband got the *guinit* hats that they later sold in Cebu.

But as fate would have it, a family trouble erupted among members of the clan of *guinit* hat makers in Kananga before she could start her delivery.

The Kananga hat makers belong to just one clan, and because of the family feud, they closed shop.

The situation, however, did not dampen Teresa's determination to deliver the hats to the buyer. Instead, she decided to become a full-time entrepreneur.

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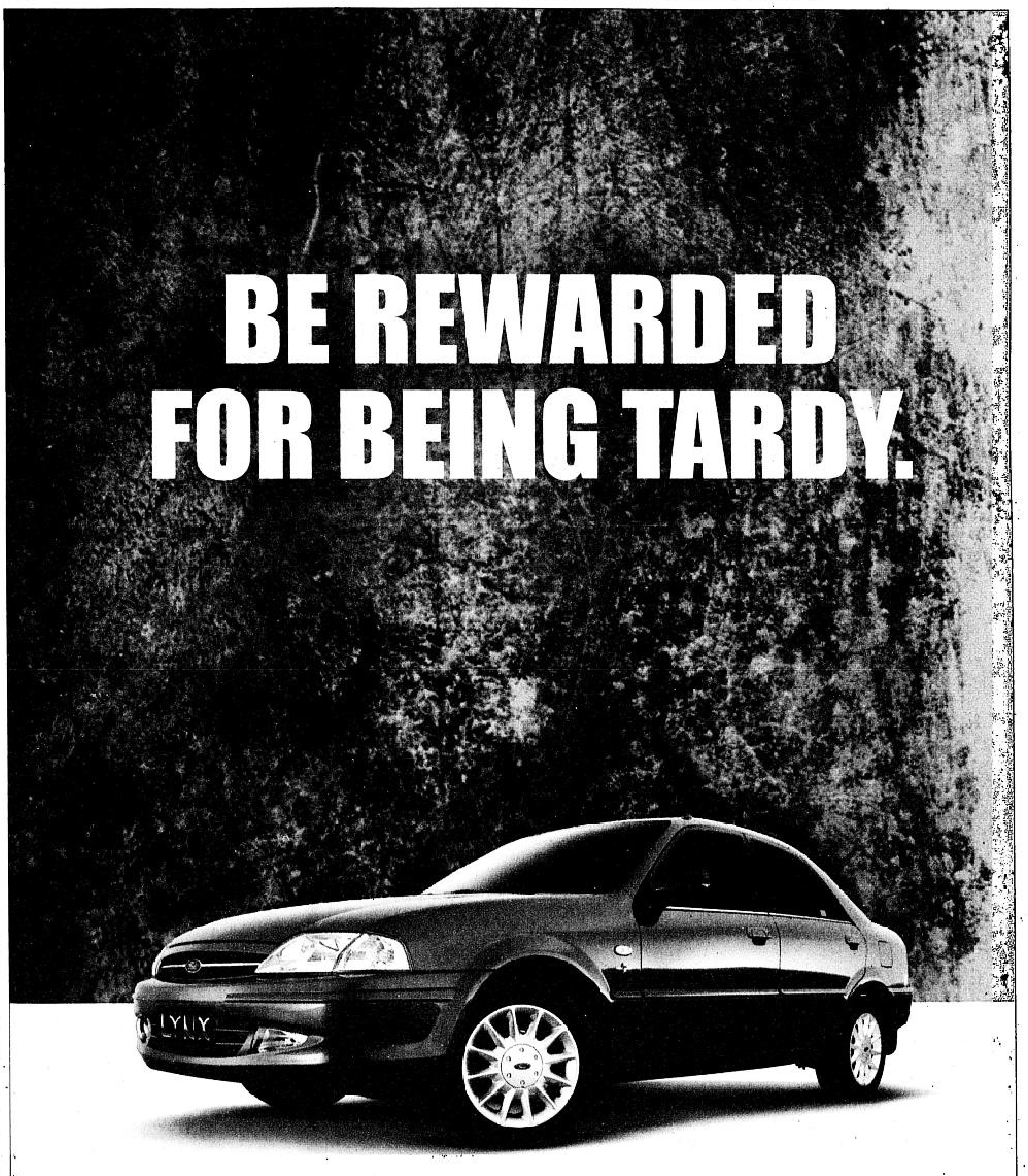

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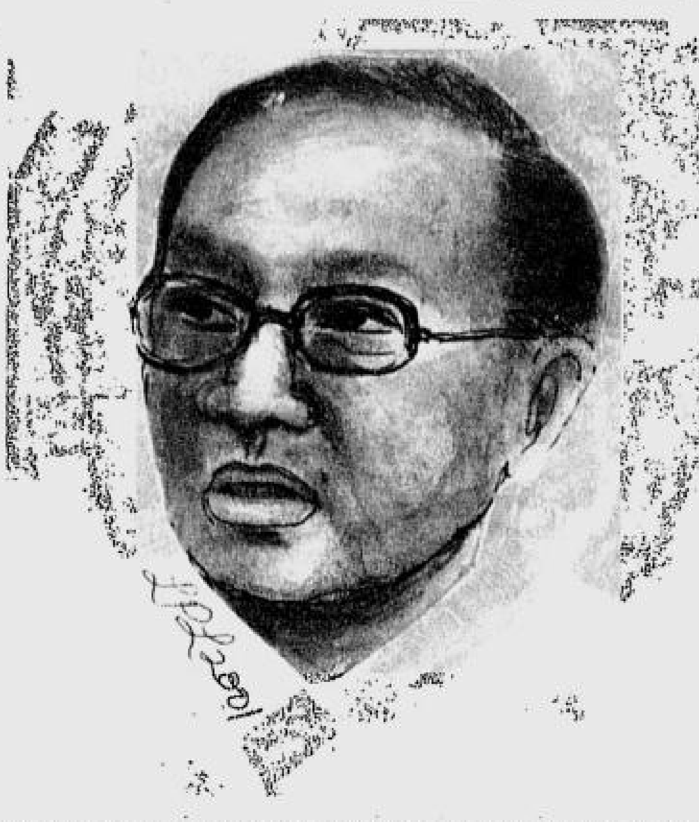

PHILIPPINE Long Distance Telephone Co. president Manuel V. Pangilinan has found himself in one controversy after another. First he resigned as member of the board of the Philippine Stock Exchange, causing other members of the board to kick out PSE president Ramon T. Garcia. Then, news spread that his company Metro Pacific Corp., will sell off its crown jewel, the Fort Bonifacio project. Oh when will it ever end for the MVP?

MANDALUYONG Mayor Benhur Abalos tries out the new UCPB DriveUp ATM, the first and only one in the country equipped with lifters that allows it to adjust to the height of the customer's vehicle. The ATM is along the San Miguel Ave. in the Ortigas Business Center.

Magsaysay legacy: A leader's role is to keep hope alive

"My Guy, Magsaysay"
By Jess Sison
Full Circle Communications, 2001

BY DANTE M. VELASCO

EXECUTIVE READ

WILLIAM Shakespeare—in "As You Like It"—wrote: *"All the world's a stage, / And all men and women merely players: / They have made their exits and entrances."*

Leaders throughout human history are a fascinating study, especially charismatic leaders who would rise to the occasion at a defining moment in a country's history.

In contemporary history, there is Nelson Mandela, the leader who spent almost half of his lifetime behind bars, but who emerged larger than life, united his people in South Africa, proved the truism that "one man with courage is a majority," and ended *apartheid* in his country.

Lech Walesa of Poland, a charismatic labor leader, fired the imagination—not only of workers—but of the entire citizenry, thirsting for democracy and freedom. He articulated the fondest hopes of the Polish people, and the latter rewarded him with the presidential post.

Close to home, we have, of course, former Sen. Benigno "Ninoy" Aquino whose lifelong opposition to dictatorship and whose death at the airport tarmac after "a shot that was heard around the world," inspired the Edsa revolution that ended two decades of dictatorship. But, Ninoy never became president—unlike Mandela and Walesa.

But one Filipino charismatic leader became president, in what many political observers termed a "brief shining moment in the Philippine presidency." It was all-too-brief because on Dec. 30, 1953, Ramon Magsaysay became President of the Philippines. On March 17, 1957, this much-loved leader died in a plane crash in Mt. Manunggal, Cebu, abruptly ending a presidential watch, which has now become the stuff of legends.

The life and times of the late President have been chronicled in our history books, but such accounts only succeed in a caricature of the leader, depicting him on broad strokes or placing him within the backdrop of a specific historical period.

Thankfully, Jess Sison, former press secretary during the Ramos Presidency and my senior in community journalism, dug deep into his treasure chest of stories about Magsaysay and came up with gems and nuggets of stories in his book, "My Guy, Magsaysay." The author has told these colorful anecdotes on many occasions, but I didn't realize the stories would cover all of 141 pages in this elegant book.

Magsaysay was a master in image building. The author's account tells much about the late President's style: "During the campaign for presidency in 1953, Ramon Magsaysay became famous for jumping over canals. He had pictures every now and then in the newspapers showing him jumping over this or that canal. What people did not know was that, every time he jumped over a canal and the camera did not flash, he would retrace his steps . . . until the camera flashed."

Off camera, Magsaysay was his charming self. Sison narrates an account when the President abruptly stopped a five-car Presidential motorcade—and asked the woman tending the store if she had some 7-Up (his favorite drink). There was an instant meeting beside the *sari-sari* store among wide-eyed barrio folk, hearing the President promising them that the gates of the Presidential palace would be open for them.

Magsaysay the guy truly endeared himself as the "common man's hero." One time, narrates the author, the President was speaking before a crowd in Cabanatuan City, and the rain fell. Instantly, someone opened an umbrella for "The Guy," but he threw it away. A raincoat was offered, but was similarly rejected. And Magsaysay said in Filipino: "Why will I cover myself with a raincoat when you are all soaking wet . . . If you will get wet, I will also get wet. If you will get sick, I will also get sick like you." A thunderous ovation followed, the author narrates.

Who wouldn't fall in love with a leader like that, a natural—not those more recent leaders who only succeed in strutting about as poor copycats?

An analysis from an expert on leadership, Richard Hughes, illuminates Magsaysay's incredible appeal. He said, "Transformation leaders are charismatic in that they are able to articulate a compelling vision of the future and form strong emotional attachments with followers . . . they form strong emotional bonds."

Anecdotes abound from the memory of Jess Sison who, at age 23, was already a close-in reporter of Magsaysay. That explains why the stories have a sense of immediacy. The book is a well-planned and edited piece of literature, starting off with a photo essay and ending with that poignant photo where Magsaysay was tying his shoelace. The caption says it all, gripping our heart:

"A few hours before he died in a plane crash . . . President Ramon Magsaysay ties his shoelace." I would have added that he was preparing for an appointment with destiny.

My Guy
Magsaysay
Anecdotes by Jess Sison

If you miss the kind of Presidency that has real mass appeal, not the one contrived by a former actor, this book gives you a personal account of someone who was there while such Presidency was being shaped. The pictures show the young Jess Sison as truly an eyewitness to a leadership that has become legend.

People may debate the substance and style of the Magsaysay Presidency, but no one can dispute that "in one brief shining moment," Filipinos knew how it felt to be heard, loved and backslapped by a leader who did not only master the art but who truly had the heart for the masses, as Jess Sison puts it.

Some may believe Harry S. Truman, former American president, when he said: "The President is a glorified public relations man, who spends his time flattering, kissing, and kicking people to get them to do what they are supposed to do anyway"

But those who love Magsaysay, and those who miss his leadership would embrace this statement from John W. Gardner: "A prime function of a leader is to keep hope alive."

The Shakespearean line ends: "And one man plays his part." Magsaysay's part was to show how to keep the flame of hope alive. From this our present leadership must take its lessons. *(dantemv@I-next.net)*

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THE PARTS of the coconut have many uses. The "guinit" is one of the newest finds.

Social worker . . .

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In the second quarter of 1996, she resigned from her work and concentrated on her new business. Initially she hired two workers, after she bought a small sewing machine and rented another one. But she was only able to deliver 1,000 hats to her Korean buyer.

"We were lucky that the Korean buyer was a good man for he understood our limitation then. He instead told us to complete the order of 5,000 hats," she said. Gradually, by sending hundreds of hats every month, Teresa was able to fulfill her obligation to the Korean buyer.

The demand for *guinit* hats, to her surprise, continued to rise. In 1997, she again bought three second-hand sewing machines in a sidewalk in Cebu and an ordinary Japan-made sewing machine to cope with the growing orders. She also hired two additional workers and rented a house in Palompon, near where her in-laws live, which served as her shop.

She also started joining trade fairs, and as her business improved she bought two high-speed, slightly used Japanese-made sewing machines. More skilled workers were also hired.

Teresa was then the administrative, accounting, marketing, purchasing, quality control, and production personnel rolled into one. She also made it a point to attend as many trade fairs as she can to promote her products.

At present, she supplies *guinit*-based products to some exporters in Cebu and Manila, and for the domestic market, she delivers some of her items to big stores in Manila, Cebu and here in Leyte, either on cash on delivery or consignment basis.

Bisayan creation

In 1999, Teresa decided to expand her business. Instead of her enterprise churning out only different kinds of hats, she ventured into *guinit* bags such as handbags, shoulder bags, beach bags, backpacks, etc.

"I designed the bags myself, but my *mananahi* at first did not like my idea for they only wanted to sew hats," Teresa recalled, adding that she eventually was able to persuade her sewers to accept change.

"And the bags clicked," she said proudly. The success of the *guinit* bags buoyed Teresa's spirit that she decided to also try making functional items using *guinit*, or *guinit* combined with coconut twigs or bamboo, as materials. These include wine holder, place mats, picture frames, wall decor, coaster, slippers, lamp shade, fan, basket, candle holder and many others.

It was because of the variety of beautifully crafted items that Teresa and her husband decided to call their business enterprise "Mugna Bisaya," or Bisayan creation.

Teresa said she was awed by the many uses of *guinit*, a part of a coconut tree that in her younger days, in her hometown of Borongan, Eastern Samar, she thought to be useless.

Now that she knows the many uses of *guinit*, she said she is also proud because only the sheaths coming from coconut trees in Eastern Visayas are durable enough when made into hats, bags and many others.

She said the coconut sheaths are first washed and then sun- or air-dried. Then these are sorted out to determine where a sheath would be used, either as bag, hat or other items. After the sorting, the sheaths go to the cutter, and then to the production head who distributes them to the sewer. The last part, she said, is the quality check of the finished products.

Some customers like the bags, hats or other products to be white or in color. In this case, the coconut sheaths are first bleached. But most foreign buyers want the *guinit* to be in its natural color, brown or reddish brown.

Behind the success of a woman

Aside from her being a hardworking mother of five, including twin girls, Teresa attributes the success of her business to the support of her husband who, she admits, has more business acumen than her.

Vivencio, 39, an AB Philosophy graduate of San Carlos University, has been—and is still is—a consultant of cooperatives for some time now.

"*Kon ano it kaloyahan ko hiya it nasalo* (Whatever my weaknesses are, he would readily give assistance)," she said of her husband.

She also thanked the Department of Trade and Industry provincial and regional offices here and the Product Development and Design Center of the Philippines for the great help extended to their business enterprise.

Teresa revealed that this year, she and her husband will both concentrate on their business enterprise. She said she will focus on marketing, while Vivencio will have the "over-all" task of monitoring production, finances, forecasting, etc.

They started their expansion by setting up early this year a factory and showroom in Ormoc City, using seven sewing machines. Actually, the bungalow they rented at No. 314 Waling-Waling, Barangay Punta, Ormoc City, now serves as their factory (the sewers occupy the garage, while their raw materials and finished products are kept in a room at the basement) and showroom (in one corner of the house). The sala serves as the office area where a computer and some office tables and file cabinets are found. The yard also serves as working place.

Their rented place in Palompon, Leyte, is still operating, using five sewing machines aside from their four old sewing machines that are on stand-by.

Teresa also revealed that they hope to set up their own factory within this year in Palompon, on a lot given to them by her parents-in-law.

They now have 10 workers in Palompon and Ormoc.

She clarified, however, that they are expanding their business not because of the profit but "to create job opportunities in Leyte."

The couple, it was learned, is also encouraging their workers to organize themselves into a cooperative to ensure their good future.

(Mugna Bisaya can be contacted through Tel. No. (053) 561-0045 or through its e-mail address: mugnabisayas@yahoo.com.)

From cigarette vendor to bank president

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desk jobs and felt he could have those posts too.

"I thought to myself those people are not much smarter than me. I want a desk job too," he recalls.

He applied with a number of companies without specifying any position.

Bank of America, then one of only four foreign banks in the country, got him as a messenger in 1952. His pay was P250. In the afternoons, after finishing his work at the BA office in Juan Luna, Binondo, then the country's financial district, he would rush to FEU to pursue his BS Commerce degree.

How Sy rose from a messenger to the top post of country manager of BA is a story of perseverance.

"I proved to them I could do more. I finished my messengerial work quickly and volunteered my services to anyone—from the cash department, loans and foreign department. Soon they realized this guy is willing to do work and can do work," says Sy who adds he was in his 20s during that time.

After three years, there was a vacancy at the international department, and he was given the position. His job was processing of imports.

After six years of doing clerical work he was made into an officer.

Two years later he was prompted, and another promotion after two more years. He was posted in several overseas assignments—Hong Kong, Southeast Asia, North Asia, China and Korea.

In 1974 he was asked to set up BA Finance, the financing arm of the bank. He left after three years and went back to BA.

He eventually became the big boss at BA but prior to this, he worked on his MBA from the University of the Philippines because he says he felt he needed it.

Sy says he has worked with all kinds of nationalities in the bank especially during his foreign posting.

In 1986, BA wanted him to relocate to Hong Kong once more to set up a new unit but at that time Sy felt he did not want to live abroad anymore. The Edsa revolution had just taken place and Corazon Aquino had just taken over the corrupt and dictatorial regime of Ferdinand Marcos.

The government took over the United Coconut Planters Bank and then Presidential Commission on Good Government chair Ramon Diaz asked Sy to take over the bank.

Sy says he felt it was a challenge to take over Cocobank as "whoever runs the bank runs several companies."

He stayed with the bank until the early '90s. Five years ago, he and a group of investors entered the competitive banking sector with iBank. Sy says he did not really imagine he was going to be a banker. It only started with his desire to get a desk job and BA happened to be the one who gave him the break.

When he finally decided to go on his own, Sy says he and the bank's investors knew that entering the banking industry would be tough. At that time there were over 50 commercial banks in the country and the government had just liberalized the banking sector, allowing 10 foreign banks to enter the market.

This is why Sy says they chose to put emphasis on service.

He says being a new comer, they had three disadvantages—size, range of products and branch network.

"To enable us to compete in this crowded market place, we have to have the right kind of people and the right service," Sy says.

Sy says he believes that the quality of their service was put to a test in April 2000 when they became a victim of rumors on their stability, and a bank run occurred.

He says many of their tellers would cry in the ladies' room but come back smiling to face clients until the wee hours of the morning.

He says it only took a few months for the bank to recover from the crisis and he looks at the experience as a challenge, which he believes that the bank and its people met well.

iBank was recently named as one of the 10 best employers in the Philippines. It was the only bank in the list and ranked No. 4. The Best Employers in Asia was a study conducted by Hewitt Associates with the Asian Wall Street Journal and the Far Eastern Economic Review.

After 50 years as a professional, Sy maintains the same habits he had when he was a young clerk.

When SundayBiz visited him for the interview, his desk was very clean. He says actually there was a pile of folders that should not be there.

He is in the office by 9:30 each morning and leaves at about 7:30 at night. He makes sure he addresses everything on his table by the end of each day.

"Anything that lands on my desk leaves on the same day. Sense of urgency is something that is very relative—you can't describe it, you can only demonstrate it," he says.

The only items he sleeps over on and ponders for a few days, are decisions on hiring, firing and promoting people.

"If I make mistakes in these decisions, I don't pay for it, the people do," he points out.

Sy says over the years he has learned to weed out the qualities that would make a person perform well in his job.

"He must love his work or her work and take pride in what he or she is doing," Sy lists as No. 1.

The second trait is "a person must be willing to pay a price for everything—if he wants to go higher in the corporate ladder, the price is steeper."

"He must have discipline in terms of consistency. We Filipinos are generally good at planning, but the problem always is implementation. Implementation takes a long time. The test of a manager and a leader is to see a project through."

Sy says that a manager has to set a vision that he shares with everyone so that "everyone knows what he or she is looking for. Everyone from the top to the bottom."

The fourth trait is that the person must know what he wants to be, in he same way that a leader knows where he wants to bring his firm to.

Sy refuses to reveal his age. SundayBiz guesses his age as very late 60s or early 70s but he is very trim and his photo of 16 years ago shows his face has not changed much.

He says he still enjoys what he is doing but should he decide to retire, he says he wants to travel to old places like Mesopotamia and Babylon.

He was born in the year of the horse and has a passion for history.

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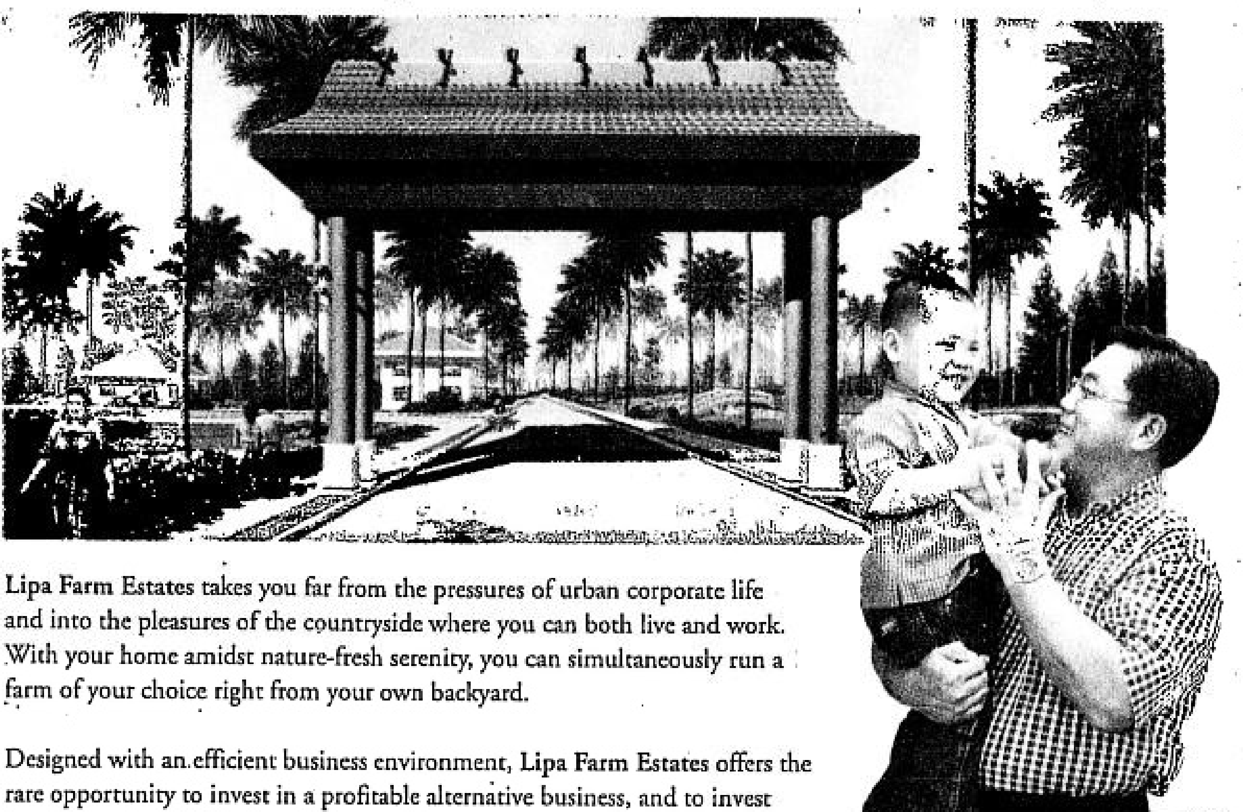

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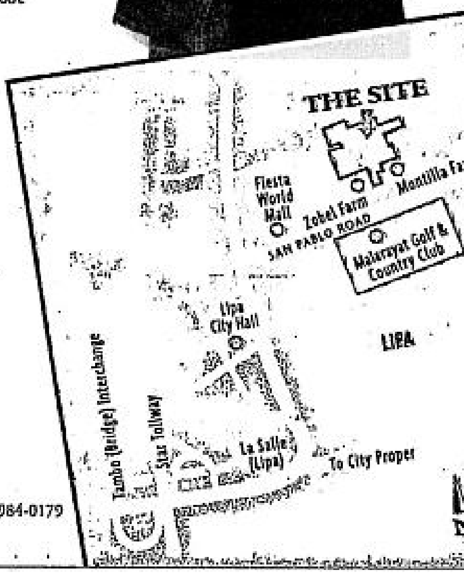

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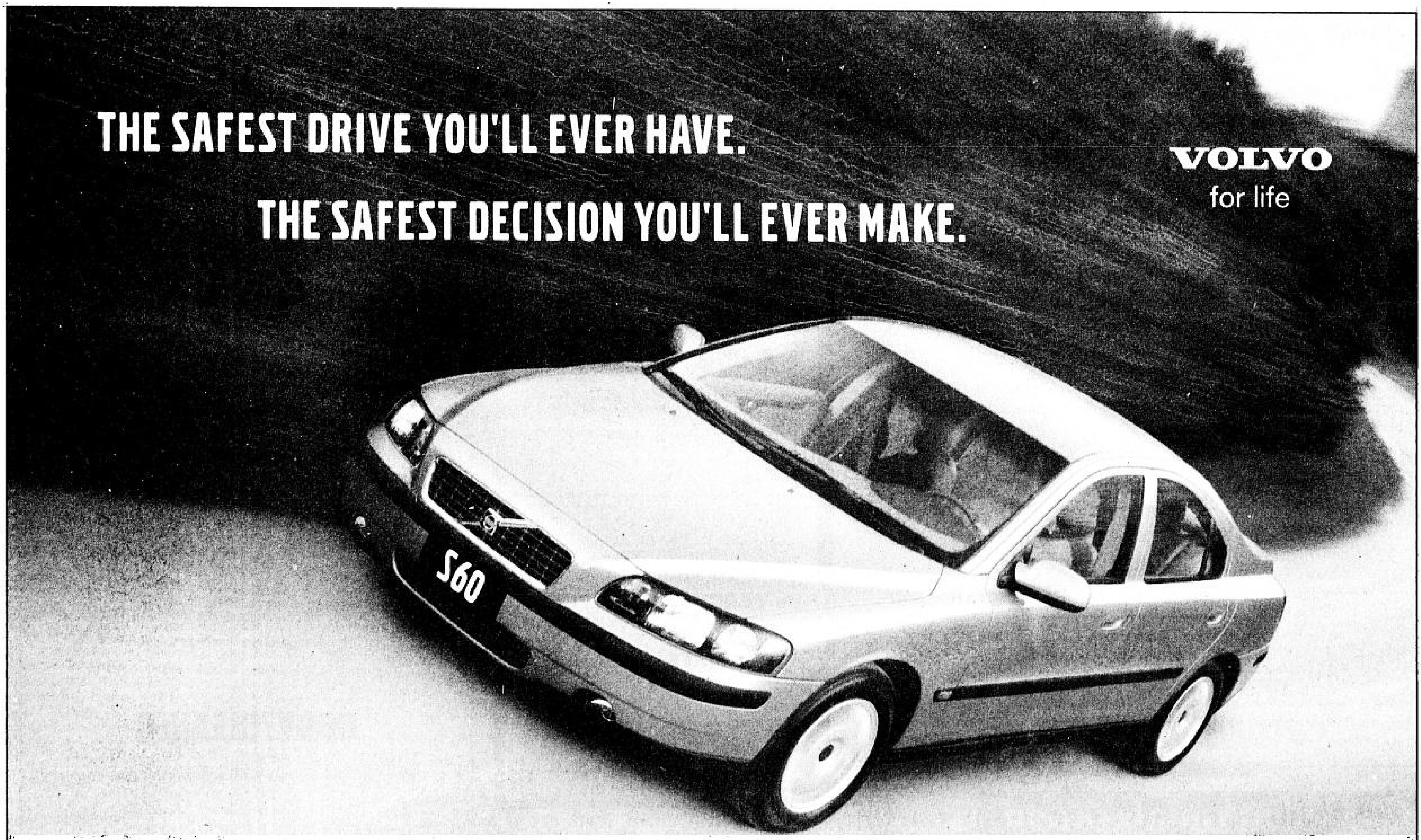

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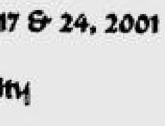

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Female, 25-30 y/o; single. A graduate of BS in Accountancy with at least 2-3 years work experience, highly computer literate and can deal with deadline oriented company. Knowledgeable in SSS, PAG-IBIG, and BIR Matters, undertakes payroll preparation.

❖ **ADVERTISING & PROMO ASSISTANT** ❖
M/F, 25-30 y/o; single. A graduate of Mass Comm or Comm Arts major in Advertising with at least 2-3 years work experience. Preferably with adept knowledge in design promo strategies, lay-outing, drafting. Highly computer literate and can work long hours.

❖ **MARKETING ASSISTANT** ❖
M/F, 21-35 y/o; graduate of Business Management, Marketing, Advertising or Mass Comm; proficient in oral and written communications; with relevant work experience.

❖ **EDITOR / ASST. EDITOR / EDITORIAL STAFF / COPYWRITER** ❖
M/F, not over 35 y/o; holder of Bachelor's Degree in Journalism, Mass Comm or English Comm Arts; preferably with background in Business Administration Management; computer literate; creative, has keen eyes for details and must have relevant working experience in publication.

❖ **GRAPHIC ARTIST** ❖
M/F, 21-30 y/o; preferably single; graduate of BS Fine Arts, Graphic Design or equivalent course; proficient with Desktop Publishing Software (Photoshop, Illustrator, CorelDraw, PageMaker, Freehand, etc.); creative, has keen eyes for details and must have relevant working experience in publication.

❖ **SYSTEMS INTEGRATION ASSISTANTS** ❖
Female, preferably single a graduate of four-year course, preferably Mass Comm or Business Administration. With at least (4) years work experience and adept in office procedures, proficient in Windows/Microsoft operation and can stand pressure and can work long hours.

❖ **PROGRAMMERS/SYSTEMS ANALYST** ❖
Male, not more than 27 y/o; must be a graduate of Comp. Scie./Com. Eng or ECE; with at least 3-yrs. relevant work experience in the following applications; SQL Server 7 or 2000, Microsoft Access 2000 or XP Visual Basic, Internet Development, JAVA ASP, Crystal Report Version 6, knowledge in Database Administration & Computer programming an advantage, Windows Operating System (1998 NT / 2000 Professional). Proven ability to work with a team/long hours and can work under pressure.

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Male, not more than 27 y/o, must be a graduate of Bachelor of Science in Comp. Scie. / Comp. Eng'g. With 2-3 years in-depth experience in web development using Microsoft Technologies: ASP, IIS, VB Script: Access, SQL Server, Visual Interdev/Ultradev. Strong knowledge in HTML and JAVA Script Hardcoding as well as Cross-browser Development. Proven ability to work with a team/ long hours and can work under pressure.

❖ **ENCODERS** ❖
Graduate of any 4-year course, with background in Accounting. With typing speed of 45-50 wpm. Can work with minimum supervision. Must be willing to work overtime.

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An international humanitarian NGO with head office in Makati is seeking for its new Vigan office:

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Main Tasks:
To ensure the appropriate administrative management of the base, including cash, accountancy, budget, and staff management.

Profile:
☑ Preferably Accounting graduate;
☑ Very good computer knowledge (word and excel);
☑ With at least 2 years experience in a related field, preferably acquired in NGOs;
☑ Ability to work under pressure, in a team and independently;
☑ Must be honest and hardworking;
☑ Well organized and diligent;
☑ Good interpersonal skills;
☑ Fluent in English both oral and written.

COOK/CLEANER

Main Tasks:
To ensure good housekeeping, including laundry, marketing and cooking.

Profile:
☑ Preferably high school graduate;
☑ Can understand and speak English;
☑ Honest and hardworking;
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Applicants may send no later than October 22 their application letter, resumé with photo and references to: **The Head of Project, #9 Quema Street, Vigan, Ilocos Sur. Fax No. (077) 722-7363. Work to start November 5, 2001. Only short-listed applicants will be notified.**

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- With pleasing personality
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- Hardworking, Honest

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2. SSS Form E-1/E-4
3. One (1) pc. 1x1 ID picture
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6. Employment Certificate / Employment Clearance (if previously employed with other company)

Human Resource Management Section
Subic Shipyard and Engineering, Inc.
Cabangaan Pt., Bo. Cawag, Subic, Zambales
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INVITATION TO BID

AFPSLAI invites interested buyers to bid for the following properties on cash basis:

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Bgy. Malabanan, Candelaria, Quezon	400 sqm Residential Lot w/ Improvement	Taguig, Metro Manila	148 sqm Residential Lot w/ Improvement
San Francisco, Zaragosa, N.E.	2,000 sqm Residential Lot	Sitio Halang, San Roque, Antipolo City	1,500 sqm Residential Lot
Bo. Malabago, Lamut, Ifugao	19,964 sqm Residential Lot	Sta. Lucia, Pasig City, Cainta, Rizal	273 sqm Residential Lot

Bid forms may be secured from the Asset Management Office, AFPSLAI, Camp Aguinaldo, Quezon City or from any AFPSLAI Branch. Deadline for the Submission of Bids is on **October 29, 2001.** For inquiries, please call 9116156, 9113734 or 9112032-33 loc. 2229.

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ACCOUNTING ASSISTANT Code : AA

With experience in general accounting, collections and receivables. Proficient in MS Word and Excel. Willing to render Overtime work.

COLLECTOR Code : COL

Preferably with one (1) year related work experience, with good moral conduct, with valid professional driver's license for motorcycle use.

Please send or handcarry your resume' with recent picture or E-mail us at :

HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT
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- Female, not more than 30 years old
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- With at least 2-3 years experience in financial management work
- Honest, industrious and with good moral character
- Can work with minimum supervision

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Catholic Relief Services is in need of two highly qualified individuals for its Peace & Reconciliation Program. The two contractual positions will be based in our Mindanao Regional Office in Davao City.

PROJECT OFFICER
Peace & Reconciliation Program

Qualifications

- Degree in Community Development, Development Communication, Philosophy, or other social science courses. Masters degree preferred.
- At least two (2) years experience in implementing development projects in the areas of justice and peacebuilding.
- Ability to facilitate justice and peace workshops; skilled in developing project proposals for submission to funding agencies.

TRAINING OFFICER
Peace & Reconciliation Program

Qualifications

- Degree in Community Development, Development Communication, or other social science courses. Masters degree preferred
- At least two (2) years experience in implementing training activities in the areas of justice and peacebuilding projects.
- Ability to design and develop information, education, and communication (IEC) materials.

Both positions must possess the following:

- Can deal with heads of government departments, non-government, Church-based, Muslim, Tribals, and community organizations/groups.
- Excellent oral and written English communication skills.
- Computer literate in MS Word and Excel.
- Able to travel in remote areas and work independently with minimal supervision. Committed to social development.

Muslims and Lumads are encouraged to apply. Interested individuals must submit an application letter, comprehensive resume with personal references via e-mail on or before October 31, 2001 to:

Human Resources and Administration
Catholic Relief Services
E-mail: hr-admin@crs-org.ph

(Only short-listed applicants will be notified.)

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Requirements:

- ✓ At least 2 to 3 years experience in selling low cost housing developments, Licensed Brokers is an advantage
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Human Resource Manager
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INVENTORY CLERK

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Apply at: 4th Floor, Edmark Building, No. 355 P. Tuazon Boulevard corner 21st Avenue, Cubao, Quezon City.
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SLH BIDS AND AWARDS COMMITTEE

INVITATION TO BID

The San Lazaro Hospital hereby invites sealed written bids for the procurement and delivery of various hospital supplies and materials and Hospital Services for First Semester CY, 2002.

Only responsible and duly accredited suppliers and/or exclusive distributors as certified by the Supplier Accreditation Committee of the Department of Health (DOH) are qualified to participate.

Bidding documents can be secured at the Secretariat, SLH BAC, Office of the Administrative Officer V, 2nd floor, Administration Building, SLH, Sta. Cruz, Manila, upon presentation of the following:

1. Authenticated DOH Suppliers Accreditation Certificate with the certified list of accredited products;
2. Authenticated Certificate of Product Registration;
3. Authenticated copy of License to Operate.

And upon presentation of a non-refundable fee as indicated per category/item.

Particulars	Issuance of Bid Documents	Pre-bid Conference	Submission of Bids	Opening of Bids
A. Hospital Services:				
1. Security Services	Oct. 15-19, 2001	Oct. 23, 2001 9:00 a.m.	Nov. 8, 2001 9:00 a.m.	Nov. 8, 2001 9:01 a.m.
2. Janitorial services	Oct. 15-19, 2001	Oct. 23, 2001 2:00 p.m.	Nov. 8, 2001 2:00 p.m.	Nov. 8, 2001 2:01 p.m.
3. Laundry Services	Oct. 15-19, 2001	Oct. 23, 2001 3:00 p.m.	Nov. 9, 2001 9:00 a.m.	Nov. 9, 2001 9:01 a.m.
B. Hospital Supplies and Materials:				
1. Various Drugs / Medicines	Oct. 22-31, 2001	Oct. 29, 2001 9:00 a.m.	Nov. 16, 2001 9:00 a.m.	Nov. 16, 2001 9:01 a.m.
2. Various Laboratory Supplies	Oct. 22-31, 2001	Oct. 29, 2001 2:00 p.m.	Nov. 19, 2001 9:00 a.m.	Nov. 19, 2001 9:01 a.m.
3. Various Medical Supplies	Oct. 22-31, 2001	Oct. 30, 2001 9:00 a.m.	Nov. 19, 2001 2:00 p.m.	Nov. 19, 2001 2:01 p.m.
4. Various Dietary Foodstuff	Oct. 22-31, 2001	Oct. 30, 2001 2:00 p.m.	Nov. 20, 2001 9:00 a.m.	Nov. 20, 2001 9:01 a.m.
5. Various Radiology Supplies	Oct. 22-31, 2001	Oct. 31, 2001 9:00 a.m.	Nov. 20, 2001 2:00 p.m.	Nov. 20, 2001 2:01 p.m.
6. Various Dental Supplies	Oct. 22-31, 2001	Oct. 31, 2001 10:00 a.m.	Nov. 20, 2001 3:30 p.m.	Nov. 20, 2001 3:31 p.m.
7. Various Maintenance Supplies	Oct. 22-31, 2001	Nov. 5, 2001 9:00 a.m.	Nov. 26, 2001 9:00 a.m.	Nov. 26, 2001 9:01 a.m.
8. Various Office and Janitorial Supplies	Oct. 22-31, 2001	Nov. 5, 2001 2:00 p.m.	Nov. 26, 2001 2:00 p.m.	Nov. 26, 2001 2:01 p.m.

All activities shall be held at the SLH Amphitheater Audio Visual Room, SLH Sta. Cruz, Manila unless announced otherwise.

Each bid must be accompanied by a Bid Security of not less than two and a half percent (2.5%) of the total amount of bid, except for those categories wherein amount of Bid security is specified in the Bid documents.

For further details, please contact the Secretariat, SLH BAC at telephone Nos. 309-95-52 or 711-69-66 (telefax).

San Lazaro Hospital BAC reserves the right to accept or reject any bid, to annul the bidding process, rejects all bids at anytime prior to award of contract, without thereby incurring any liability to the affected bidders or any obligation to inform the affected bidder or bidders on the reasons to do so. The SLH BAC assumes no obligation to compensate or indemnify Bids nor deem it guarantee that an award will be made.

(Sgd.) **ELEONORITA E. REYES**
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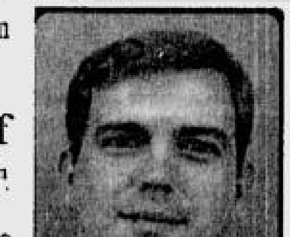

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1,166 PASSED PMA ENTRANCE EXAMINATION

Philippine Military Academy Superintendent, MAJOR GENERAL RUFO A DE VEYRA AFP, announced One Thousand One Hundred Sixty Six (1,166) out of a total of Twenty Thousand One Hundred Eleven (20,111) applicants successfully passed the PMA Entrance Examinations/Cadet Qualification Test administered in Thirty Three (33) examination centers nationwide on August 26, 2001.

The Office of Cadet Admissions (Registrar) disclosed that this year's top twenty examinees are:

TOP TWENTY SUCCESSFUL EXAMINEES FOR PMAEE 2001

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3	GARRIDO	TRISKA MONICA MA	B	QUEZON CITY
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For verification purposes, applicants may call or inquire in the following:

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Office of the Cadet Admissions, PMA
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Municipality of Pangil, Laguna

Invitation for Bids (IFB)

Date: September 27, 2001
World Bank Loan No: 4446 PH

1. The Government of the Philippines has received a loan from the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development towards the cost of Local Government Finance and Development and intends to apply part of the funds to cover eligible payments under the Contract for the Construction of School Buildings and Health Stations. Bidding is open to all bidders from eligible source countries as defined in the *Guidelines: Procurement under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits.*
2. The Municipality of Pangil, Laguna thru its Bids and Awards Committee (BAC) invites sealed bids from eligible sources for the Completion of the Pangil Municipal Main Health Centre.
3. Bidding documents may be purchased starting October 15, 2001 at the Prequalifications, Bids and Awards Committee (PBAC) Chairman's Office, Municipal Government Building, Pangil, Laguna from 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. upon payment of a non-refundable fee of **Three Thousand Five Hundred Pesos** (P3,500.00) or its equivalent in a freely-convertible currency, for each set. Interested bidders may obtain further information at the same address.
4. Bids shall be valid for a period of ninety (90) days after bid opening and must be accompanied by security of **Sixty-Nine Thousand Three Hundred Pesos** (P69,300.00) in a form of cash, cashier's check, bank guarantee or its equivalent in a convertible currency, and shall be delivered to the PBAC Chairman's Office, Municipal Government Building, Pangil, Laguna on or before 10:00 a.m. November 15, 2001, at which time they will be opened in the presence of the bidders who wish to attend.
5. A pre-bid conference will be held at 3:00 p.m., October 26, 2001 at the Office of the PBAC Chairman, Municipal Government Building, Pangil, Laguna.

(Sgd.) **Hon. SERGIO C. MANZANA**
Municipal Mayor

(PDI--Oct. 14, 2001)

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Department of Health
PROCUREMENT & LOGISTICS SERVICE
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MANILA, PHILIPPINES
TEL. NO. 711-6831

1 October 2001

INVITATION FOR BIDS

(IFB NO. 2001-11-13 [5])

The Department of Health hereby invites sealed written bids for the Supply and Delivery of Computers and its Peripherals chargeable against the funds of the different services/programs.

Bidding documents can be secured from the Procurement and Logistics Service, Department of Health, San Lazaro Compound, Sta. Cruz, Manila upon payment of a non-refundable fee of *TWO THOUSAND PESOS (P2,000.00) only*:

ITEM NO.	QTY.	UNIT	ITEM/DESCRIPTION
1.	4	Sets	Minitower ATX Casing with 230 watts PS, PS/2 keyboard
2.	4	Sets	ATX Motherboard PC 133/UDMA 100
3.	4	Pcs.	30 GB Hard Disk (E-IDE) UDMA 66
4.	4	Pcs.	60x CD-ROM Drive (E-IDE)
5.	4	Pcs.	AGP Video Card with 32 MB Memory
6.	4	Pcs.	10/100 MBPS Network Interface Card
7.	88	Sets	Personal Computer AMD/Intel Athlon/Pentium III-1GHz Microprocessor
8.	17	Sets	Laser Jet Printer - Low End with Print Server and 8-Port Switch
9.	9	Sets	Laser Jet Printer - High End A3 Paper Size (Black)
10.	2	Sets	Computer Notebook Pentium, Intel Pentium III - 650 Mhz
11.	6	Sets	9-Pin Dot Matrix Printer
12.	2	Sets	USB-LPT-PC Card External CD-Rewriter
13.	2	Sets	Flatbed Scanners (Low-End), color and monochrome
14.	4	Sets	24-Port, 10/100M N-Way Mini Switch
15.	3	Sets	12-Port, 10/100M N-Way Mini Switch
16.	1	Unit	5 KVA Uninterruptible Power Supply (UPS)
17.	1	Set	Slip/Receipt Printer
18.	6	Units	Mouse, Microsoft PS/2
19.	4	Pcs.	LAN Card

SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES:

Issuance of Documents	:	**October 22 to November 12, 2001** 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Pre-Bid Conference	:	**October 29, 2001; 9:00 a.m.**
Deadline for Submission of Bids	:	**November 13, 2001; 9:00 a.m.**
Opening of Bids	:	**November 13, 2001; 9:00 a.m.**

All activities shall be held at the AVR, San Lazaro Hospital Ampitheater, San Lazaro Compound, Sta. Cruz, Manila, unless announced otherwise.

Each bid must be accompanied by a Bid Security of not less than *two and a half (2.5%) percent* of the total amount of bid in the form of the following: (a) bank guarantee or bank draft issued by a reputable bank, (b) irrevocable letter of credit issued by a reputable bank, (c) cashier's or certified check, (d) manager's check, (e) GSIS Bond, (f) any combination of the above proportionate to share of form with respect to total amount of security.

For further information, please contact the Procurement Division, Procurement and Logistics Service, Bldg. No. 26, San Lazaro Compound, Sta. Cruz, Manila or call 743-8301 locals 3626 and 3627.

The Department of Health reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids and to annul the bidding process anytime prior to the award of contract, without thereby incurring any liability to the affected bidder or bidders or any obligation to inform the affected bidder or bidders of the grounds for the Department of Health's action.

By Authority of the Secretary of Health

(Sgd.) **ZENAIDA O. LUDOVICE, M.D., M.P.H., CESO II**
Assistant Secretary of Health
Chairperson, Central Office Bids and Awards Committee

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National Power Corporation

INVITATION TO THE 2001 NPC-NLR SUPPLIERS' DAY

The National Power Corporation, North Luzon Transco & GenCo 2 wish to invite interested parties to attend the Suppliers' Day.

PARTICIPANTS	:	Suppliers Janitorial Services Security Services Brokers & Forwarders
DATE	:	November 7, 2001
TIME	:	8:30 AM to 5:00 PM
VENUE	:	Skyrise Hotel, Apartelle and Restaurant #18 Dominican Road, (near Lourdes Grotto), Baguio City

This occasion aims to focus on the briefing of Executive Order No. 262, "Implementing Rules and Regulations Governing the Procurement of Goods, Supplies and Services by the National Government." Succeeding biddings shall be in accordance with the provisions of EO No. 262.

For registration/particulars, you are advised to visit personally the Materials Management Section Office, 2nd Floor Basement, Plaza Natalia Bldg., #51 Naguilian Rd., Baguio City from October 15 to November 6, 2001.

For additional information/particulars, please contact Ms. Susan C. Rodriguez or Mr. Rolly E. Lopez at Tel. (074) 445-4546.

(Sgd.) **J.R. ARELLANO**
Chairman - BAC
NL-TransCo

(Sgd.) **J.C. HIDALGO**
Chairman - BAC
GenCo 2

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NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the application of TSUNEISHI TECHNICAL SERVICES (PHILS.), INC. with address at 10th Flr., Keppel Center Condominium, Cebu Business Park, Cebu City for registration with the Board of Investments under Book I of the Omnibus Investments Code of 1987, otherwise known as E.O. 226, as amended by Republic Act 7918 as New Information Technology Service Firm at a capacity of 140,000 man-hours per year of computer-aided ship design, 70,000 man-hours per year of electronic data archival/conversion and 70,000 man-hours per year of computer-aided engineering design and with proposed plant site at 10th Floor, Keppel Center Condominium, Cebu Business Park, Cebu City has been officially accepted on October 8, 2001 and is currently being processed.

Any person with valid objections to or pertinent comments on the above-mentioned application may file his/her objection, in writing and under oath, with the BOI within one (1) week from the date of this publication.

(Sgd.) **CHITA O. ANGELES**
Director
Legal Services Department

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"We love you in life, much more in death,
you will remain in our hearts forever."

Marta Cantoria Moises

of Narvacan, Ilocos Sur and Muntinlupa City
Peacefully joined her Creator on October 11, 2001
at the age of 98.

Her loving children **Florendes, Antonio** and **Clarita Licudine, Crescencia** and **Constantino Cachola, Rosario** and **Dionisio Reyes, George** and **Divina Miralles**; grandchildren **Allen** and **Gina, Mike** and **Pinky, Maricar, Aloysius** and **Lilia, Melanie** and **Dexter, Carolina, Jonathan, Gilburt, Maureen, Glenda, Georgia, Abraham** and great grandchildren request friends and relatives to pray for the eternal repose of her soul.

Her remains lie in state at the family residence at No. 10 Yen Street, Villa Carolina I, Muntinlupa City.

Interment will be on Saturday, October 20, 2001 at Everest Memorial Park, after the 7:00 a.m. Mass at St. Peregrine's Shrine.

ROBERTO SAEZ GONZALES

November 8, 1935 - October 7, 2001

Words could not express the deep gratitude we have for all of you who joined us in our time of sorrow as Bobby joined our Creator during the feast day of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary.

Thank you to all our relatives for the love and support, to our friends for your presence, to our brothers and sisters in the Risen Christ Catholic Community for the assurance that God is indeed alive in all our hearts.

To our Big Daddy Angel, we love you so much, though we will miss you, we know that you are preparing a place for us in heaven.

Chat, Pielle and **Riah Gonzales**

TISHA

INFINITELY LOVED AND REMEMBERED

14 August 1957 — 15 October 1994

HOLY MASSES FOR TISHA WILL BE OFFERED TODAY, OCTOBER 15, 2001 AT THE FOLLOWING CHURCHES:

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH CHURCH .... *Pasig City*	5:00 AM
SACRED HEART PARISH CHURCH .... *Kamuning, Quezon City*	5:15 AM
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH CHURCH .... *Lantana Street, Quezon City*	5:30 AM
ST. JOSEPH'S CONVENT OF PERPETUAL ADORATION .... *M. Hemady corner 11th Street, New Manila, Quezon City*	6:00 AM
ST. JUDE SHRINE .... *JP Laurel Street, San Miguel, Manila*	6:30 AM
NAT'L SHRINE OF ST. MICHAEL & THE ARCHANGELS .... *Solano Street, San Miguel, Manila*	7:00 AM
STO. NIÑO PARISH CHURCH .... *Tondo, Manila*	7:00 AM
SANTISSIMO ROSARIO PARISH CHURCH .... *UST, España, Manila*	7:30 AM
THE MEDICAL CITY HOSPITAL CHAPEL .... *Mandaluyong City*	12:00 noon
ST. MARTIN DE PORRES CHAPEL .... *P. Galvan-L. Guinto, Malate, Manila*	12:00 noon
MARY THE QUEEN PARISH CHURCH .... *Greenhills, San Juan, Metro Manila*	6:00 PM
OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL SHRINE .... *New Manila, Quezon City*	6:00 PM
SANTUARIO DE SAN JOSE .... *Greenhills, Mandaluyong City*	6:15 PM
SAN SEBASTIAN CHURCH .... *Plaza Del Carmen, Quiapo, Manila*	7:00 PM

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DONATO ABALOYAN ABLAY, Sr.

of Guiuan, Catbalogan, Samar and
Project 4, Quezon City
Died in the grace of our Lord on October 9, 2001
at the age of 71.

His loving wife, children, grandchildren, sisters, and in-laws, relatives and friends request the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of his soul.

His remains lie in state at 9-A Gen. Arellano Street, Project 4, Quezon City.

Interment today, October 14, at the Holy Cross Memorial Park, Novaliches, Quezon City after the 1:30 PM Mass at the Our Lady of Miraculous Medal Parish Church, Project 4, Quezon City.

'For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have everlasting life.' John 3:16

In Loving Memory of

SIMPLICIO "JOHNNY" F. BAUTISTA

June 24, 1935 — October 14, 2000

On the occasion of his
first death anniversary,
the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be
offered at the following churches:

St. Joseph Cathedral .... *San Jose City, Nueva Ecija*	5:30 AM
St. Anthony Shrine .... *Bustillos, Sampaloc, Manila*	6:00 AM
Our Lady of Loreto Church ..... *Bustillos, Sampaloc, Manila*	7:00 AM
Transfiguration of Christ .... *Quasi-Parish* *ABA Homes, Dalig, Antipolo City*	8:00 AM

The family requests the pious readers
to pray that the Lord may bring him to
the happiness of life in His presence.

APOLONIA MENDOZA REYES

Peacefully joined her Creator on October 9, 2001
at the age of 88.

Her loving children and in-laws **Teresita** and **Fred** (†), **Narciso Jr.** and **Viola, Antonio** and **Gloria, Reynaldo, Gregorio** and **Weeya**; grandchildren and great grandchildren request the pious readers to remember her in their prayers.

Her body lies in state at Sta. Rita Church, Phil-Am Homes, Quezon City.

Interment will be at Holy Cross Memorial Park, Quezon City at 10:00 AM. Funeral Mass will be at 9:00 AM at Sta. Rita Church.

"...absent with the body to be present with the Lord." Matthew 10:39

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North Ave. cor. Science Road, Diliman, Quezon City

INVITATION TO BID

The Occupational Safety and Health Center (OSHC) invites all interested parties to submit sealed bids for the following contractual services, Security and Janitorial.

SCHEDULE

Pre-bid Conference	- Janitorial	October 18, 2001	2:00 P.M.
	- Security	October 18, 2001	3:00 P.M.

Submission of Eligibility Check/Commercial Documents, Bid Offers and Opening

- Janitorial	November 12, 2001	10:00 A.M.
- Security	November 12, 2001	2:00 P.M.

Only those bidders attending the pre-bid conference may submit Eligibility Check/Commercial Documents and bid offers.

The Center reserves the right to reject any or all bids, waive any defect therein and accept the offer most advantageous to this agency.

For further details please contact Supply Section, Finance and Administrative Division, Tel. No. 927-08-62 and 929-6036 to 39 loc. 306.

(Sgd.) **DR. DULCE P. ESTRELLA-GUST**
Executive Director

(PDI -- Oct. 14, 2001)

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PAMBANSANG PANGASIWAAN NG PAGSASAKA AT PANGINGISDA
(National Agricultural and Fishery Council)
Diliman, Lungsod ng Quezon
Tel. Nos. 928-87-41 to 65 local 510

October 12, 2001

INVITATION TO BID

The National Agricultural and Fishery Council (NAFC) hereby invites all Bureau of Animal Industry (BAI) certified/accredited soybean meal, feed peas and corn users to submit sealed bids for the sale of the following commodities under the FY 2001 PL 480 Title 1 Program (PL 480):

COMMODITY	VOLUME
Soybean meal	51,392.00 (± 2%)
Feed Peas	9,921.12 (± 2%)
Corn	209,996.00 (± 2%)

Tender documents can be secured from the Bids and Awards Committee (BAC) NAFC, Apacible Hall, Department of Agriculture Building, Elliptical Road, Diliman, Quezon City starting on **October 16, 2001.**

The pre-bid conference shall be held at the NAFC Maynila Conference Room on **October 17, 2001** at 10:00 a.m.

Fully completed sealed bids should be submitted not later than 2:00 p.m. on **October 19, 2001.** Bids received after th[illegible]eduled time will [illegible] be acc[illegible] will be returned unopened. Open[illegible]

For details, please contact Ingle Bautista or Pearl [illegible] Agu[illegible] Nos. 929-8234 or 928-1966.

By Authority of the NAFC Chair[illegible] Coordinator

(Sgd.) **RICARDO A. VILLO, JR.**
Executive Director

(PDI–Oct. 13 & 14, 2001)

Republic of the Philippines
Department of Health
CENTRAL OFFICE
Bids and Awards Committee
Building No. 3, San Lazaro Comp., Rizal Avenue, Sta. Cruz, Manila 1003
Tel. Nos. TL 743-83-01 Local 1336, Telefax No. (632) 743-72-36

October 8, 2001

INVITATION TO PREQUALIFY/ELIGIBILITY SCREENING AND TO BID

The Department of Health thru the Central Office Bids and Awards Committee (COBAC) is inviting bids from accredited contractors of Philippine Contractors Accreditation Board (PCAB) with minimum license category of "D and C" and registration of "Small B" for Building and Industrial Plant for the project Proposed Health Emergency Management Staff (HEMS) Office located at East Avenue Medical Center, East Avenue, Quezon City.

The dates to be followed are:

1.	Submission of Letter of Intent, PCAB License and Registration (Bring original copies of Contractor's License & Issuance of eligibility documents		October 23, 2001
2.	Submission of duly accomplished eligibility documents		October 30, 2001
3.	Posting of eligible contractors		November 09, 2001
4.	Issuance of Bid/Tender Documents		November 12-13, 2001
5.	Pre-bid conference		November 16, 2001
6.	Submission of Bids (Deadline)	10:00 AM	November 29, 2001
7.	Opening of Bids	10:00 AM	November 29, 2001

All of the above activities shall be held at the Office of the COBAC Chairperson, Ground Floor, Building No. 3, DOH Compound, Sta. Cruz, Manila.

The complete set of bid documents may be purchased by the interested eligible bidders upon payment of a non-refundable fee of THREE THOUSAND PESOS ONLY (P3,000.00).

COBAC reserves the right to reject any or all bids without offering any reason, waive any required formality and award the contract to any bidder to whose proposal as evaluated by COBAC is the most advantageous to the Government. COBAC assumes no obligation to compensate or indemnify the bidders for any expense or loss that may be incurred in the preparation of bids, nor does it guarantee that an award will be made.

The Approved Budget Cost will be announced during the pre-bid conference.

(Sgd.) **ZENAIDA O. LUDOVICE, MD, MPH, CESO II**
Assistant Secretary of Health
Chairperson, COBAC

(PDI – Oct. 11, 14 & 22, 2001)

SUBIC BAY METROPOLITAN AUTHORITY
BIDS AND AWARDS COMMITTEE
Building 255 Barryman Road, Subic Bay Freeport Zone, Philippines 2222
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October 11, 2001

INVITATION TO PRE-QUALIFY AND BID

The **SUBIC BAY METROPOLITAN AUTHORITY ("SBMA")**, through the Bids and Awards Committee ("BAC") invites duly registered Firms, Suppliers/Contractors to pre-qualify and bid for the following:

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The following documents are necessary for the pre-qualification as a supplier/contractor for the above-mentioned public bidding:

1. Article of Incorporation
2. Securities & Exchange Commission (SEC) Registration
3. Certificate of Registration with the Department of Trade and Industry (If not Corporation)
4. Valid Mayor's Permit
5. VAT Registration
6. Audited Financial Statement for the last two (2) years (certified true copy in sealed envelope)
7. Presence of Exclusive/Authorized/Sole Distributorship Agreement with reputable firms in the industry, document duly notarized at the point of origin.
8. Company PROFILE
9. PCAB License (for Construction Company)
10. List of Product
11. List of Clients
12. Non-refundable Pre-qualification fee (P200.00)

Submission of the above pre-qualification documents is until **5:00 p.m. of October 19, 2001 (Friday)**, at the BAC Secretariat, PPMD Office, Room 201, Building 255, Subic Bay Freeport Zone.

Firms qualified by the SBMA and dates for the Pre-Bid Conference and Submission/Opening of Bids shall be announced through Bid Bulletin.

The SBMA assumes no obligation to compensate or indemnify any firm for any expense or loss that may be incurred in the preparation of pre-qualification requirements. The decision of the SBMA on who are qualified to bid shall be final and binding.

ATTY. RIZAL V. KATALBAS JR.
Secretary, BAC

(PDI – Oct. 12, 13 & 14, 2001)

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

Notice is hereby given to all concerned that CJDC Construction and Dev't Corporation has changed its business name to **FASTEM Construction Inc.** after application and approval by the [illegible] and Exchange Commission dated **October 02, 2001.**

The Management

Republic of the Philippines
Province of Capiz
MUNICIPALITY OF IVISAN

SUPPLEMENTAL NOTICE FOR INVITATION FOR BIDS

Notice is hereby given that bidding documents for the Construction of Ivisan Memorial Park may [illegible] starting October 8, 2001 from 9:00 [illegible] to 3:00 p.m. at the Office of the Municipal Engineer, Ivisan, Capiz.

(Sgd.) **NOEL N. YAP**
Municipal Mayor

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

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3.	Res'l Lot /Lot 2-C-2, about 15 meters. fr. National Road, Brgy Busay, Cebu	LA-393	395,000
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5.	Res'l Lot / Lot2-C-4, about 115 meters fr. Nat'l. Road, Brgy Busay, Cebu	LA-420	340,000
6.	Res'l Lot /Lot 2-C-5,about 115 meters from National Road, Brgy., Busay	LA-420	340,000
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7.	Residential Lot / Lot 26, J.S. Alinsug Road, Jagobiao, Mandaue City	LA-546	900,000
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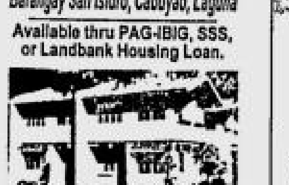

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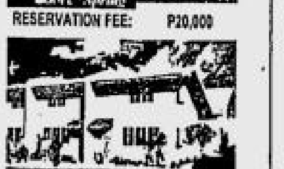

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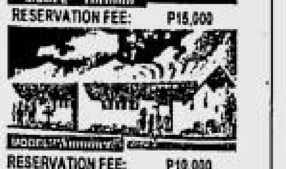

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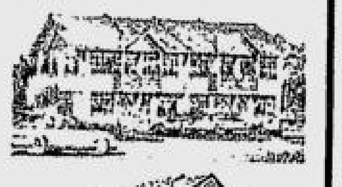

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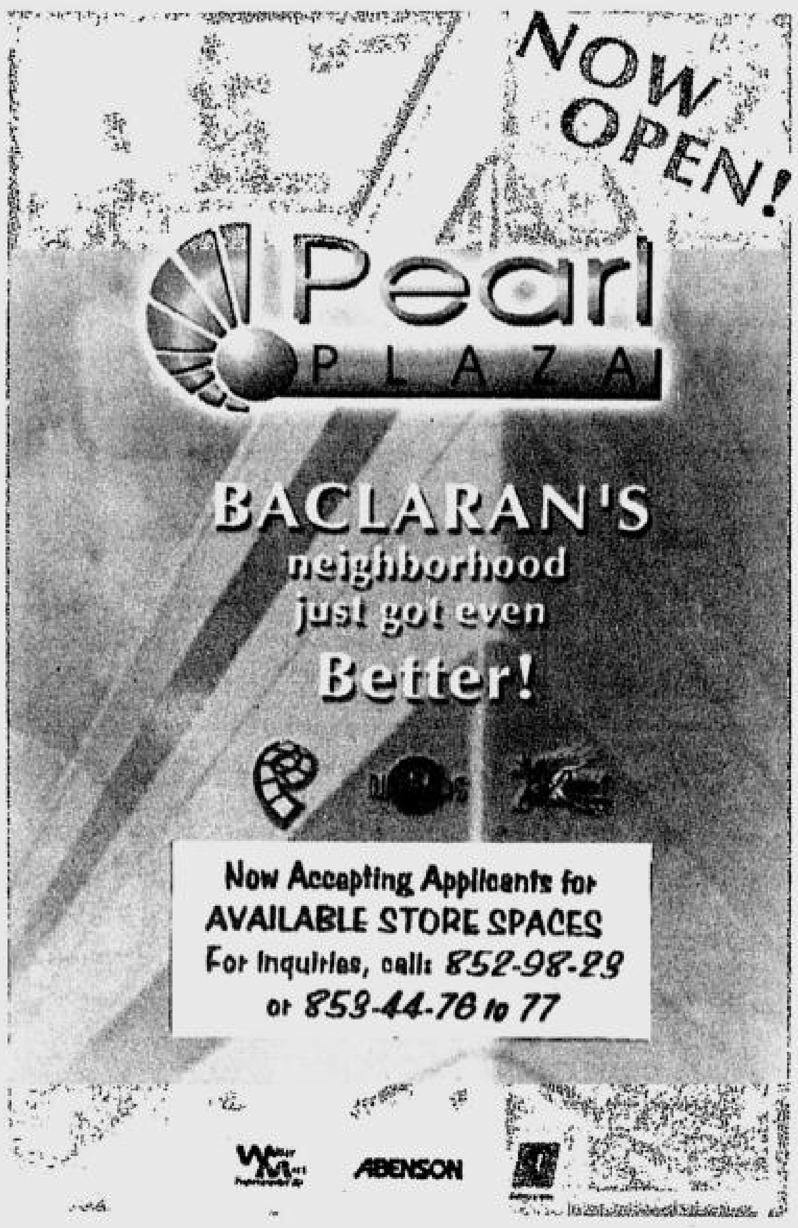
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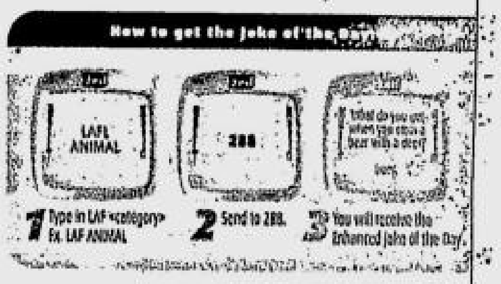

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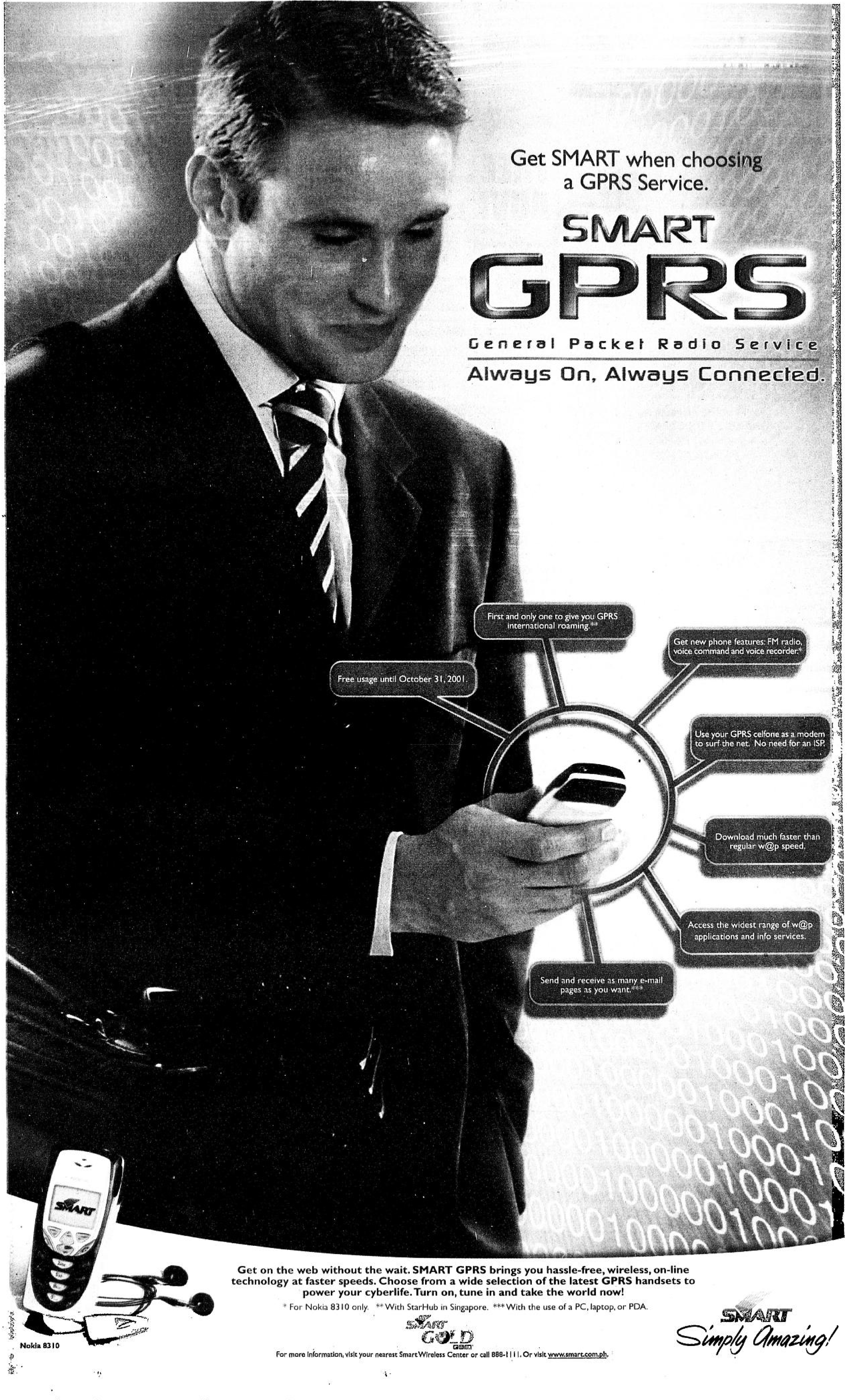

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Cora Jacob empowers the underprivileged by teaching them how to make innovative bags and home accessories

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A bagful of ideas for the poor

BY ROWENA C. BURGOS
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WHILE other Filipino designers are almost falling over themselves trying to get as much media mileage by resorting to all sorts of tricks and gimmicks, Cora Jacob quietly works in her home in Mandaluyong, coaxing indigenous materials into form.

Or she is out somewhere teaching women migrant workers, out-of-school youths and prisoners how to make stylish and elegant bags.

Results of these unheralded efforts have become highly sought after among the fashion cognoscenti, who cherish the concept as well as the brilliant execution.

"Fashion is a business; it's not just an art form. So the pieces have to be of absolute first-class quality," lawyer Cora C. Jacob, internationally acclaimed handbag designer, exporter and entrepreneur, says of her wards' handiwork.

Former women migrant workers in San Vicente and Sta. Monica, QC, some of whom lost their husbands to other women and their children to drug abuse, are among underprivileged sectors the Cora Cares Foundation (CCF) supports. They trained for 3-6 months to design mats with straw embroidery. "I want them to learn skills that can help them earn money and start a new life. But quality, honesty and integrity are the most important things they ought to learn from these courses," Jacob says.

Organized this year, the foundation, together with the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (Tesda), hopes to help eradicate poverty in the Philippines by providing free training to the less fortunate.

Tesda organizes the women then Jacob evaluates their needs and skills. Trainees are provided with raw materials, equipment, transportation allowance and food. After six months, they receive certificates of graduation and are organized into manufacturing units. Their products are marketed by Tesda and the CCF.

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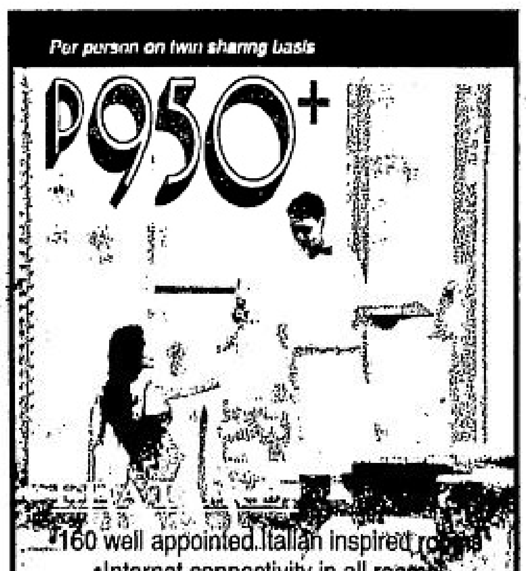

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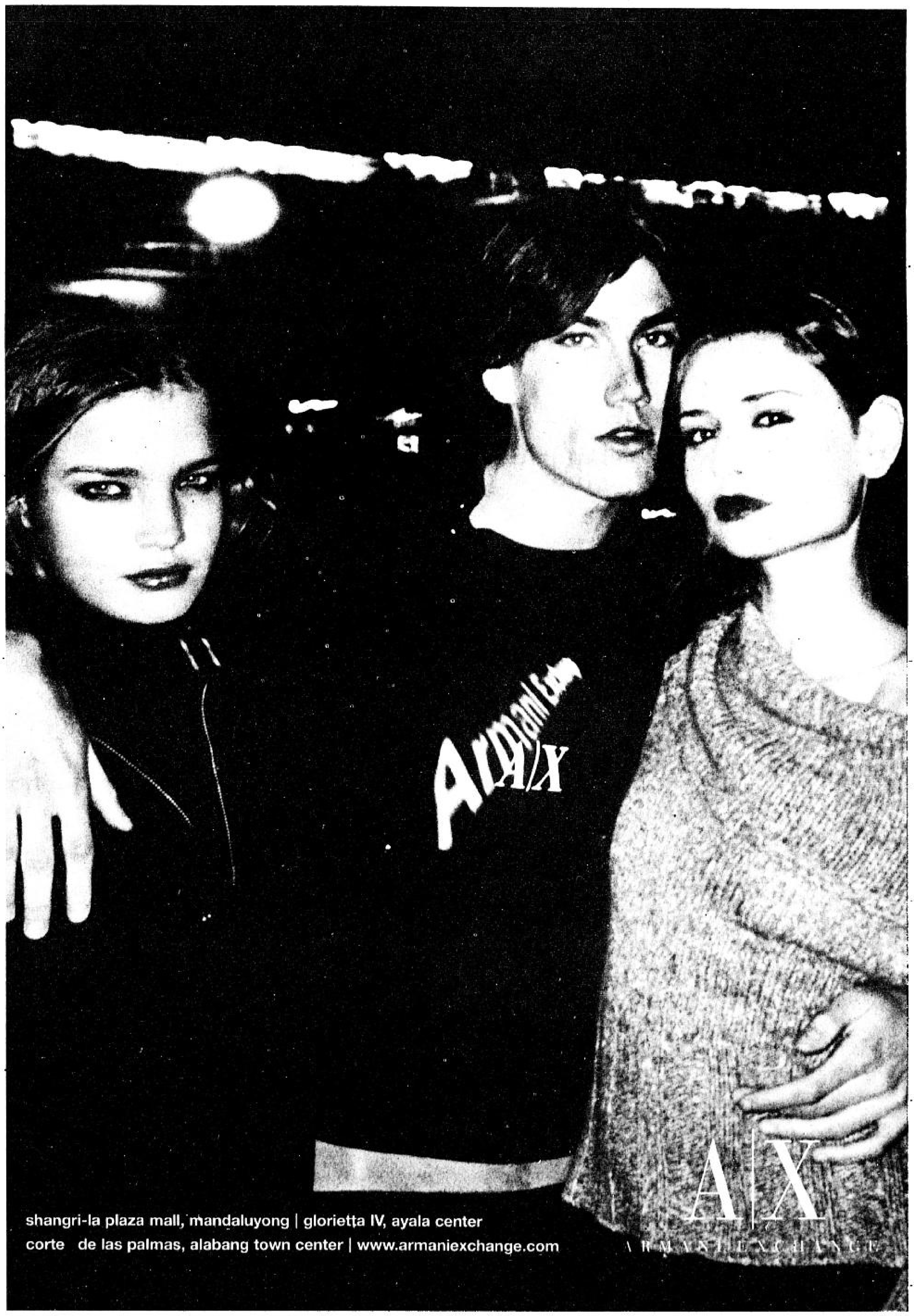

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ABACA bags with *banig*

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RAFFIA bags with coconut beads

A bagful of ideas for the poor

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Sharing her blessings

"It's my way of sharing whatever blessings God has given me. But before I help these people, I tell them outright that I don't like liars, thieves and idle persons. And that whatever misdeeds they did in the past are none of my business. What's important is to be able to start with a clean slate and have a new beginning," Jacob says.

The technical aspect of handbag-making fascinated trainees, Jacob says. The process begins with a sketch, which transforms into a three-dimensional paper sample. Trainees then interpreted Jacobs' ideas into detailed construction, producing innovative designs, many of which have been inspired by the entrepreneur's trips here and abroad. "Anything can provide me with inspiration. I get ideas from all over," says the talented bag designer who has been in the business for 25 years now.

Big, practical and roomy, the bags come in vibrant shades and are made of indigenous materials: raffia, *abaca*, *banig*, bamboo, *romblon*, sugarcane, *sinamay*, coconut, rattan and batik. They fit not only different fashion styles, ranging from sporty attires to school and office uniforms to classic clothes.

Last April, Jacob was invited to the United Nations' Women Helping Women conference, which aimed to empower poor and battered women. She presented the projects she had been doing in different Philippine regions and showed the trainees' finished products. "The conference participants were impressed with the items and even wanted to buy the samples I brought."

Jacob, who was the 1982 Golden Shell Awardee, one of Ten Outstanding Women in Nation's Service in 1986, and Soroptimist International of the Philippines' Woman of Distinction, plays a critical role in reinforcing the underprivileged's self-esteem. She encourages them to explore and take risks and supports them in their endeavors.

BAGS made of sugarcane

Profound relationship

Jacob, a diabetic, became temporarily blind 19 years after starting her eponymous business. Blind between 1995 and 1997, she underwent laser treatment and diabetic neuropathy every week. She was forced to close her stores in Spain, New York, Singapore and Taiwan.

"It was during these tough times that I began to develop a profound relationship with the Lord. But I'm not a born-again. My eyes may not be that sharp now but I can still create designs," she says. She loves her craft so much that she can create 500 designs in four days.

Jacob developed an interest in artistic work at the age of 6. She told her mom that she wanted to become a famous painter. Her parent discouraged her, saying that she would just go hungry with her choice of profession. So Jacob took up law instead.

In 1976, she encountered out-of-school youths stealing parts from cars parked near Jacobs' family-owned theater in Meycauayan, Bulacan. She asked a wallet vendor to teach the teenagers how to make one. After the youths learned the craft, she employed them in her factory. Most of the kids either have businesses of their own or are working abroad now. Some continue to consult her on the successful running of a business.

Jacob also taught prisoners in Vigan how to make containers for cakes, chocolate candies, filing boxes, bags and furniture out of sugarcane, which earned them P2,000 a week. The prisoners, according to Jacob, said, "*Mas malaki pa daw ang kinita nila nang nasa loob sila kaysa nang nasa labas.*"

Jacob, who has been invited to lecture in Indonesia and Malaysia about empowering the poor, taught a new group of women migrant workers in San Rafael, Bulacan recently.

"What's important is that these people have become self-sufficient. I'm happy to help the less fortunate, even if I have to climb mountains and cross rivers," says Jacob whose commitment to the poor has made a significant difference in their lives.

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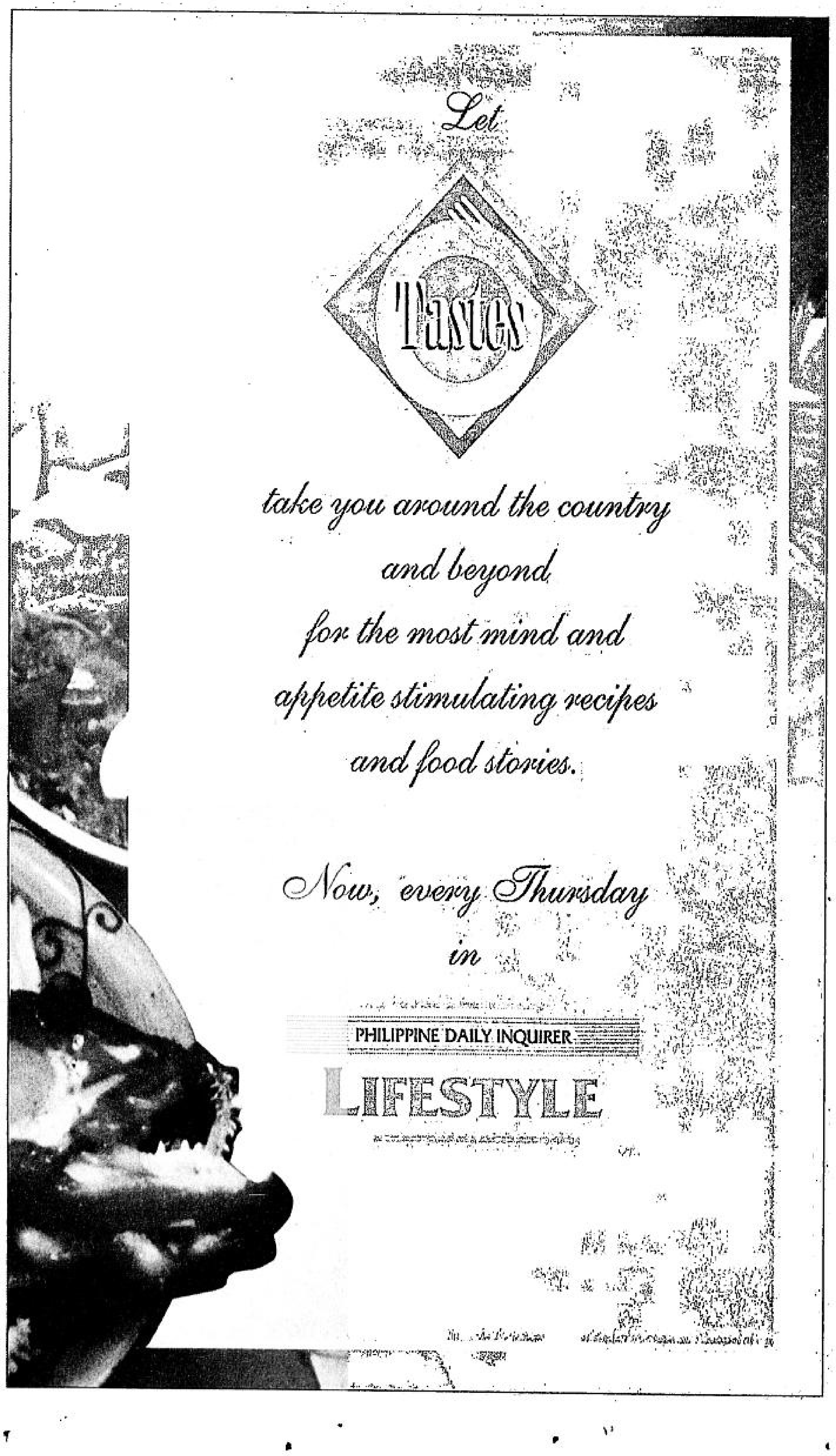
RAFFIA bags with coco beads

WOMEN migrant workers from San Vicente, QC pose with Cora Jacob after their graduation.

PRISONERS in Vigan, Ilocos Sur . . . had a workshop on making bags and home accessories.



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STANDING, from left, Noel Escaler, Ernest Escaler, Gina Lopez, Benny de Leon; seated, Marico Jacinto, Roger Santander and Chito Madrigal Collantes

Retro concerts make a pitch for La Mesa conservation

THREE successive nights of retro music for a good cause. That was what happened at Rockwell recently when Gina Lopez of Bantay Kalikasan called together concerned citizens to organize an awareness and fund-raising campaign for the reforestation of La Mesa Dam.

Otta Montinola, Raul Manzano, Chickie Locsin, Tessie Tolentino, Jackie Cancio Vega, Celia Silang-Cruz, Johnny Revilla, Susan Reyes, Joannie Feliciano, Keren Pascual and Ernest Escaler banded together to brainstorm and organize "retro@ rockwell." A whole week of retro fun at Rockwell was dedicated to raising awareness—and funds—for the reforestation project.

Three successive nights of the week were dedicated to happy musical reminiscing. The first two were devoted to semi-exclusive sit-down dinner concerts. The first night had Ryan Cayabyab and friends playing old favorites. Performers who waived their talent fees in exchange for seedlings to be planted in their names in the reforestation project were Verni Varga, Janet Basco, Lani Mercado, Richard Merk, Mon David, Chad Borja and Dulce.

The second night was devoted to Broadway music. Performing were Pinky Amador, Isay Alvarez, Jamie Rivera, Audie Gemora, Bimbo Cerrudo and Robert Seña, accompanied by musical director Toti Fuentes. Again, these stars performed sans talent fees.

The third night was the biggest of all, being open to the public. It was an SRO affair, with guests dancing nonstop to retro hits performed by the Spirit of '67.

La Mesa, along with Ipo and Angat Dams, supplies the water requirement of Metro Manila's 12 million residents. It is the only watershed located within Metro Manila, straddling Quezon City, Montalban, Rizal and Caloocan City. The entire watershed measures 2,700 hectares—with approximately 700 ha comprising the water reservoir—yet only 1,000 ha of forest area is left.

Bantay Kalikasan and its supporters seek to repopulate the area with trees and strengthen forest-protection activities. They also aim to develop the area into a Nature Park and Biodiversity Reserve, which the public can use for recreation and education activities.

Bantay Kalikasan has already started planting different forest tree seedlings in the watershed.

Everyone is invited to join the conservation project. Call 415-2227 or hotlines 925-5555/3333.

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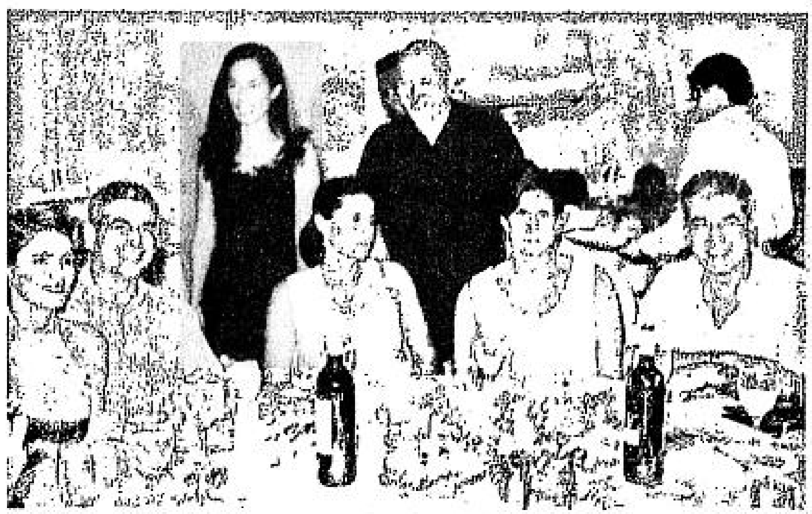

GINA Lopez and Ernest Escaler (standing) with Lizzie and Jaime Augusto Zobel, Bea Zobel de Urquijo, Patsy Zobel and Fernando Zobel

CONRAD Onglao, Vicky Zubiri, Ernest Escaler and Susan Reyes

TOTI Fuentes, Pinky Amador, Bimbo Cerrudo, Jamie Rivera, Isay Alvarez, Robert Seña and Audie Gemora

CYNTHIA Carrion Norton (right) and Otta Montinola

Rotary Anns help you adopt an angel

THE ROTARY Club of Makati will hold its Christmas bazaar on Oct. 28, 9 a.m.-6 p.m. at the Manila Peninsula Hotel. Items for sale include: Christmas decors, antiques, frames, jewelry, Oriental objets d'art, children's clothes, men's and ladies RTWs, leather products, linens and quilts.

Part of the proceeds will help fund the medical missions of PGH, where operations are performed for free, the Save an Eye outreach, which runs a fully equipped mobile clinic which offers free consultations and free surgery to indigent patients, the Mend a Heart Project for heart patients who needs cardiac device donations and assistance; the Books Across the Seas program, which has given out over eight million books to schools and libraries in need; and the Makati Rotary Livelihood Foundation Inc., which helps train and assist in obtaining employment for young individuals in the restaurant industry.

Buyers can stop by the last angel table where a Christmas tree will be filled with the names of RC Makati Angels, indigent children who can be adopted for Christmas. Select your own angel and choose a gift that will make this Christmas special for them. The Rotary Anns will be on hand to help you get to your sponsored child.

The Rotary Club of Makati Christmas bazaar is organized by the Rotary Anns led this year by First Ann, Milette Carlos, spouse of RC Makati president Jonny Carlos. Working with her are Yvonne Kuan, Et Librea, Jean Chavez, Joey Roque, Chit Marty, Marilou Alejandro, Terry Tambunting, Glo Garcia, Vicky Cantada, Corlu Caparas, Lil Dominguez, Caling Young, Stef Naval, Tesha Garcia, Marilyn Velayo, Myrna Adriano, Papat Escaler, Angela Quila, Maureen Soong, Mariza V. del Rosario, Lorraine Feliciano and Joanna Santos-Ocampo.

BUSY HANDS. Seated, from left, Mariza V. del Rosario, Angela Quila, Chit Marty, chair Milette Carlos, Et Librea, Vicky Cantada; standing, Marilyn Velayo, Marilou Alejandro, Terry Tambunting, Tesha Garcia, Yvonne Kuan and Lorraine Feliciano

Donate jackets to get shopping discounts

LAPAGAYO, the European colorful casual wear, stretches its "happy culture" by donating jackets to the poor and abandoned elders cared by the Anawim Lay Missions of Montalban, Rizal. Sharing its mission-vision of spreading love and laughter, Lapagayo consistently and continuously spreads joy not just among their loyal clients but also to the less fortunate.

Made possible by the generous hearts of those people who joined in, hundreds of jackets and all sorts of sweatshirts, vests and anoraks were collated. There were colors, sizes and styles for everybody, enough to make people of Anawim happy. All these from Lapagayo's jacket promo stint wherein people donated their jackets while they availed of Lapagayo's big discounts.

And after last year's success, Lapagayo brought back "Swap it! The big Jacket X-change Part 2." Just trade in your jacket of any brand to get a 50 percent off on all Lapagayo jackets. Or simply purchase any jacket to get a 30 percent discount. Lapagayo shops are located at Glorietta 3, SM Southmall, SM Manila, SM Pampanga, SM Megamall, Robinsons Place Manila and Rockwell Power Plant. Promo ends Oct. 14.

DTI is not just a referral agency, it can act on consumer complaints

THE CONSUMER

Marietta Velasco Giron

TRADE Secretary Mar Roxas recently stated that the Consumer Act had to be amended so the department could act directly on consumer complaints, and not just serve as a referral agency.

We have this quick response from consumer lawyer Zenaida Reyes, the very person who helped draft the consumer act and was later appointed to sit in the National Consumers Affair Council.

"With due respect to Secretary Roxas, I beg to disagree that the Department of Trade and Industry cannot directly act on consumer complaints. The Consumer Act, Title IV, Chapter 111, Articles 159-164, specifically gives the authority to the Departments of Agriculture, Health and Trade to commence an investigation on the written complaint formally filed by a consumer. The departments may even commence formal administrative action, even without receiving complaint, against any person who has violated any provision of this Act or any of its implementing rules and regulations.

"Moreover, the Consumer Act authorizes the department secretaries to appoint consumer arbitration officers who shall have original and exclusive jurisdiction to mediate, conciliate, hear and adjudicate all consumer complaints received by their offices (Art. 160, 162).

"The investigation procedure (Art. 163) and the sanctions that the consumer arbitration officer may impose after his investigation, are specified in Art. 165.

"I hope this will clarify whatever doubts consumers may have about the authority and responsibility of these departments on the matter of consumer handling."

Birth certificate via phone call

SOMETIME ago, we got a copy of the news release "Birth certificates are just a phone call away—NSO." In a gist, the NSO announced that securing certifications of birth, death, marriage and no-marriage from the agency could be done with a simple phone call to the 24-hour NSO Helpline Plus.

What it did not say was that Helpline was a private company authorized by NSO to secure certificates at added service cost. Helpline charges P350 to secure a birth certificate and deliver to applicant via courier. If the applicant wants to sweat it out and apply personally at the NSO office in Quezon City, it will only cost P110 for computer-converted birth certificate (processed while you wait) and P60 for manually retrieved certificate (available after five working days).

Here's a letter from PDI reader Meno P. cf Alta Vista, QC, which tells what to expect if you apply for a birth certificate through NSO helpline 737-1111.

"I was instructed by phone to go to Metrobank branch on Pasong Tamo Extension and deposit P350 to (a certain account number) belonging to NSO Helpline Plus. As the Helpline customer service promised, the certificate was promptly delivered in 10 days. I was impressed!

"However, to my surprise, the NSO official receipt accompanying the certificate was only for a fraction of the amount charged by Helpline. My question is, does NSO own the Metrobank account? Why is the extra charge exorbitant? Why is the public not informed of the cost difference between queuing up at NSO and using the helpline?"

Helpline explains

A Helpline service supervisor explained to us that NSO Helpline Plus, a state-of-the art call service, is owned by Pilipinas TeleServ Inc. It is a duly authorized agent of the National Statistics Office that provides the public a 24-hour access to information about civil registration procedures, quick statistics and general information about the NSO.

Applicants are given a reference number to settle the required fees at any Metrobank branch. Charges cover NSO fees, processing and courier service. A P25 fee is added when applicant asks for NSO official receipt. After the payment is credited to Helpline, the agency starts processing the application. Certificate is delivered to applicant after 10-12 working days.

NSO launched its newly computerized system at the East Avenue branch. The new system, although still in the process of completion, is expected to expedite the issuance of documents and certificates.

According to Lourdes Hufana of NSO-East Avenue, computerization of birth documents will be completed by next year. She added that six new NSO outlets will open soon in Pasig, Makati, Caloocan and Manila.

Comments

OUR thanks and praises to Cyberspace IT specialists Jun Evangelista and Relly Mallari for their technical support and speedy response to our e-mail problem.

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Ligaya S.Novicio wrote: "I want to thank the management of Idea Furniture Mall at 151 Wack-Wack Edsa, Mandaluyong for the immediate attention and resolution of my request. I wish to give special commendation to the following personnel for their attention: Jenny Manego, Ria the supervisor, Anna Lisa Caingoy and Allan Anggala."

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Our special thanks to Horace Lavides of PLDT public affairs department for the fast response to the complaint of Vergel Macalino who wrote this letter to us: "I received a series of calls to my office and residence from three PLDT managers who apologized for their errant employee. However, I wish the employee who resigned in connection with my complaint be given a second chance." Macalino is grateful to PLDT's Letty Gonzales, Coroy Diaz and Monica of the office of Ms Carabuena.

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From Renato de Leon of Sikatuna Village, QC: "MMDA is at it again. What is happening to its anti-smoke belching drive launched this month? Smoke-belching buses still ply Edsa, particularly during weekends, early morning and late at night when no MMDA traffic aides are around.

"Why doesn't the MMDA zero in on tricycles, the biggest contributor to pollution and the ones that pose the most serious health risks to the public. They are a threat to health, not only to people in the streets, but to residents.

"There is a tricycle regulation unit in Quezon City Hall, but as any one can see, this agency is useless. It cannot do anything about tricyle abuses, illegal terminals, smoke-belching, colorum units, unlicensed and underlicensed drivers, and reckless and rude drivers. Poor residents suffer, particularly those who live in UP Village, Teacher's Village and Sikatuna Village."

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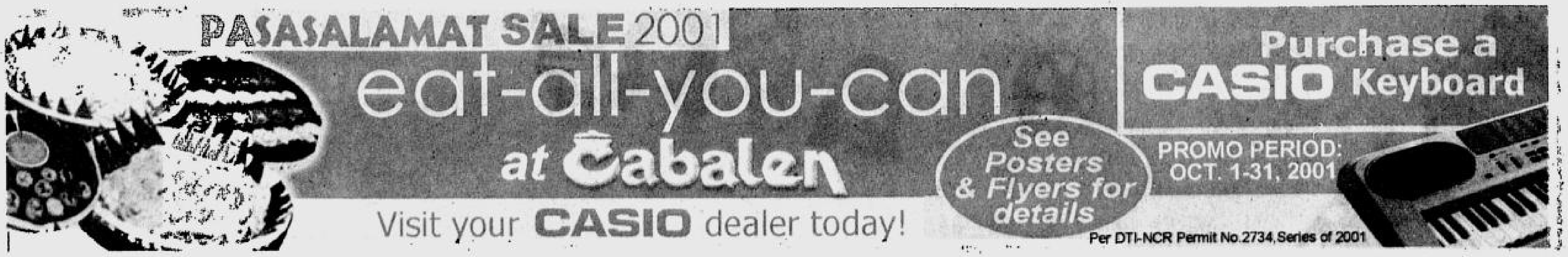

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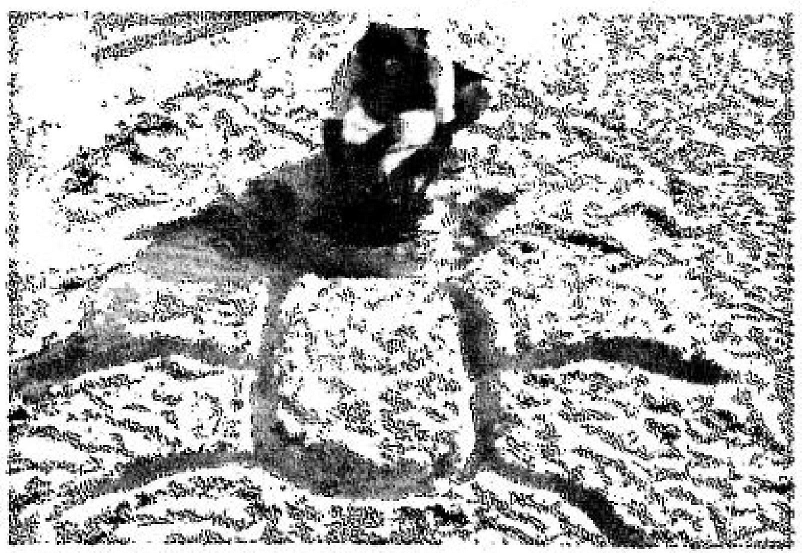

ALAIN Lo's Spider House-inspired sandcastle

EVERYONE gears up for the paintball competition.

Pinoy survivalists test their endurance in Boracay

By Tina G. Santos

IMAGINE being marooned on an island—not just any island, mind you, but the virtual party place, Boracay with its pristine beach and clear waters. Sounds cool.

But for participants in the "Philip Survival Challenge: Defy the Ordinary" held Sept. 29 to Oct. 4, the trip to Boracay hardly allowed for basking in the sun, enjoying the calm waves or frolicking on the white sandy shores. Neither was there much chance to enjoy the island's hottest nightspots.

Instead, the eight challengers, who were strangers to each other when the competition started, were made to stay in a deserted shack at the tip of the island.

People thirsting for adventure might welcome a series of grueling physical, mental and emotional challenges, and the lack of conveniences—no electricity, no soap, no toothbrush, no money. But they drew the line at having to endure for a week the less than pleasant body odor of one of their companions.

In the end, Victoria Cecilia Aquino emerged victorious, passing the tests with flying colors. She became the ultimate survivor when she bested her toughest competitor, aspiring actor and politician Jose Antonio Leviste II, during the six days of competition. Talk about girl power.

Like Tina Wesson, her American counterpart in the original "Survivor" series, Aquino seemed unlikely to overcome the odds. An early crowd favorite seemed certain to win the title, the P100,000 cash prize and the African safari trip. He, however, even failed to make the final four.

"We didn't expect Vicky to be included in the final four. Most of us thought she's weak because during the games she often cried and almost gave up," said one of the competitors.

Life is too short

But she proved them all wrong. "I realized that defying the ordinary meant facing the challenges, testing how much and how far you can go with the limited things you're given," said the 35-year-old fitness center manager. "This experience taught me that life is too short and no matter how difficult life may be, you have to find ways to enjoy and learn from it."

Before she went one-on-one with Leviste for the Tribal Council—the final event that determined the ultimate survivor—Aquino had to contend with all the other challengers. They were mechanical engineer Alain King Lo, model-entrepreneur Illac Diaz, events organizer Jacklyn Colmenares, physician Anne Elizabeth Javellana, former beauty titlist and senior media planner Leilani Diaz and the INQUIRER's InfoTech section editor Leo Magno.

The competition sharpened their survival skills as they went through various strenuous

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AIN'T NO WALL HIGH ENOUGH. Mark Leviste conquers the 45-degree overhang of the 44-ft wall structure.

TINA SANTOS

SURVIVORS ALL. Standing, from left, Alain Lo, Lala Diaz, Abby Javellana, Mark Leviste, Leo Magno; seated, Jac Colmenares, Vicky Aquino and Illac Diaz showing off their new Xenium 9@9.

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activities and stressful situations.

Lo, one of the strong contenders, remained unfazed even after he accidentally fell through the roof of an abandoned stockroom in the middle of the woods during one of the games. He needed four stitches to close the scalp wound that he sustained. Not the type to give up easily, Lo insisted on joining the succeeding games. "I never really wanted to quit. That's how determined I was to finish what I had started," the 4x4 enthusiast said.

"On our way to the hospital, he was still thinking of joining the next games despite being covered with blood. He was saying, 'Oh, no, my Africa, goodbye Africa,'" said Javellana, who helped give first aid to Lo.

Making friends

The survival challenge also tested the extreme endurance of Philips Xenium9@9. All the games involved the use of the cell phone's various features, such as the WAP, text messaging, alarm, voice dialing, vibra and organizer. Contestants were asked to bring their own cell phones and see how they would fare against Xenium9@9. True enough, the Xenium 9@9 worked until the event was over while most of the contestants' cell phones ran out of power in two or three days. Xenium 9@9 boasts of having a battery life of up to 10 days, making it extremely suitable for the active lifestyle of today's urbanites.

The Boracay adventure paved the way for building new friendships. Participants agreed it was what they cherished most from the experience. "That's the fun part. We're all good friends now. We didn't even treat each other as competitors," said 21-year-old Colmenares, the youngest challenger.

The bonding was put to a very tough test during the Tribal Council when some personal, *really* personal, stuff about the participants were revealed such as what they hated most about each other, who they thought was the weakest among them and, geez, who among them had BO (body odor).

At one point, Leviste made everyone laugh when he revealed that, given the chance, he wanted to sleep with Illac. But before anybody could get the wrong idea, he quickly added he just wanted to guard the hunk's every move, as he was one of the closest contenders in the initial part of the game.

Aquino intends to use her prize to take her parents on a trip and to undergo corrective eye surgery. She said she would also buy boxes of cup noodles to donate to their parish. For herself, she plans to buy a television set, which she had missed since she moved to her own small flat 14 months ago.

Leviste, who placed second, received P50,000; Lo, in third place, P30,000; and Colmenares, in fourth, P20,000. The rest got P10,000 each as consolation prize. All the participants also got a Xenium 9@9, which they used during the event.

The US "Survivor" TV series has made Wesson, Colby and the rest instant celebrities. Well, the "Philips Survival Challenge" may also lead to different and more exciting things for the eight intrepid contestants. A show-biz career or a commercial endorsing Rexona, maybe?

MAY THE BEST ONE WIN. The final four take the text-based quiz using their WAP-enabled Xenium 9@9.

October is children's month

THE MONTH of October is celebrated as National Children's Month by virtue of Presidential Proclamation No. 267 signed on Sept. 30, 1993. During this time, national focus is given to Filipino children in recognition of their vital role in community life and nation building.

Since 1993, the Council for the Welfare of Children (CWC), the apex agency of the Philippine government on children's welfare, has been orchestrating all efforts for the annual observance of this event. As such, it has initiated projects and activities promoting the rights of every Filipino child.

This year's celebration is anchored on the theme: "Kinabukasan ng Bata'y Siguruhin Unang Anim na Taon Pagyamanin" to underscore the importance of first six years of the child's life or the early childhood stage in his later development. Just as food and water needed for his growth and development, a child also needs experiences that facilitate the first stages of intellectual, motor and social functioning. These early experiences provide the foundation for a child's subsequent development and will effect other matters such as relation with others, school performance, work skills and his enjoyment of life.

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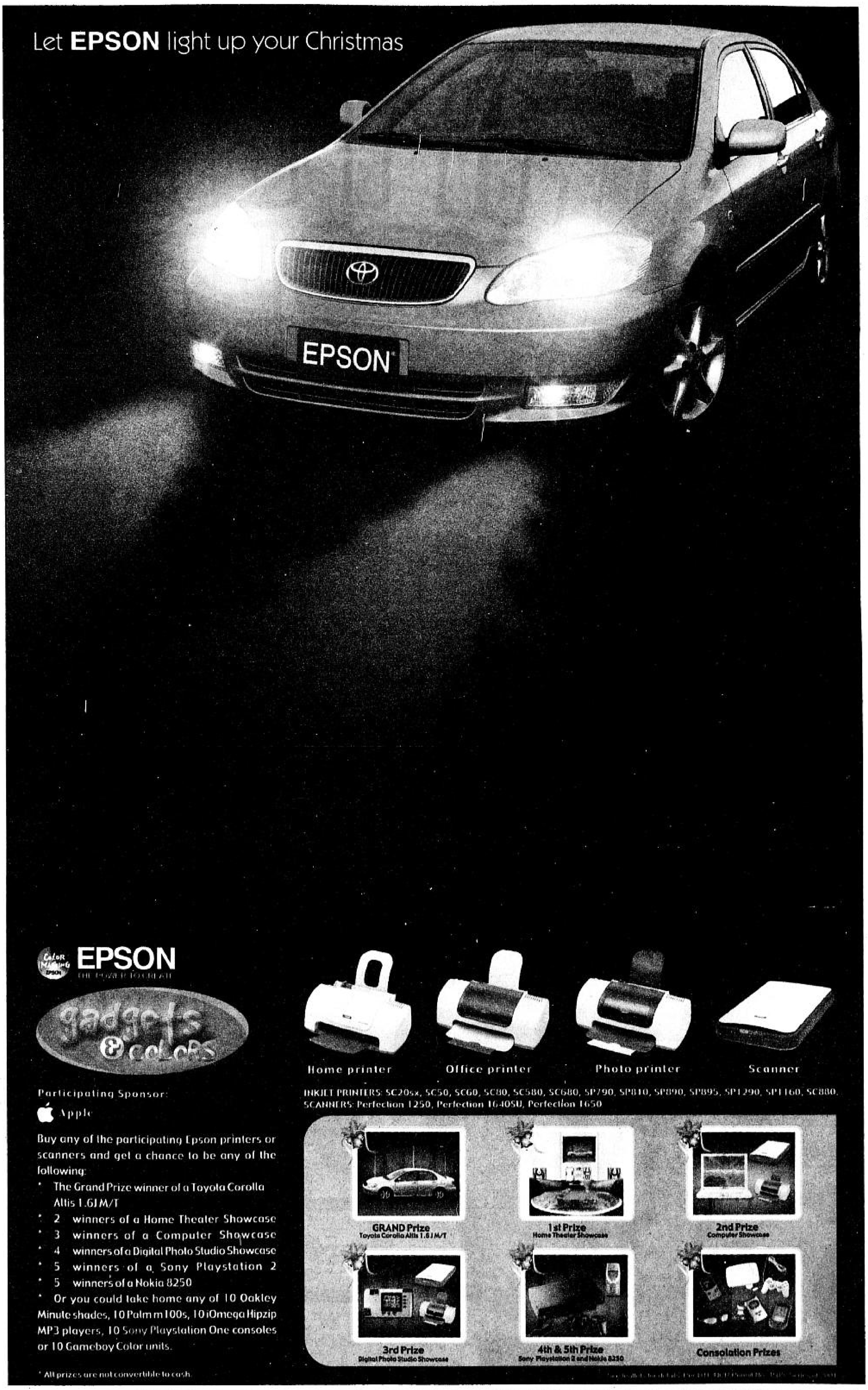

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Weddings & Engagements

A second chance at love

The e-romance between the widower business editor and the banking executive started one New Year's Eve

By Tina Arceo-Dumlao
Photos by Ernie Sarmiento
and Mike Alquinto

AS the best man, I wish them long and happy lives. May their love for each other grow more each day, and may our family be joyful, peaceful and blessed."

Coming from the groom's 7-year-old son, Ralph Emmanuel, those words were truly special. The groom was Inquirer business editor Raul O. Marcelo and the bride, Yvonne Piczon, assistant vice president of Security Bank Corp.

The wedding at the St. John Bosco Parish Church in Makati City on Sept. 29 sealed a romance that started at 10 p.m. of Dec. 31, 1998 when the two lonely souls logged on the Internet in search of some companionship.

At that time Raul was still grieving over Ellen, his girlfriend of eight years and wife of almost 10 years, who passed away earlier that year. Yvonne, on the other hand, was mourning over aborted

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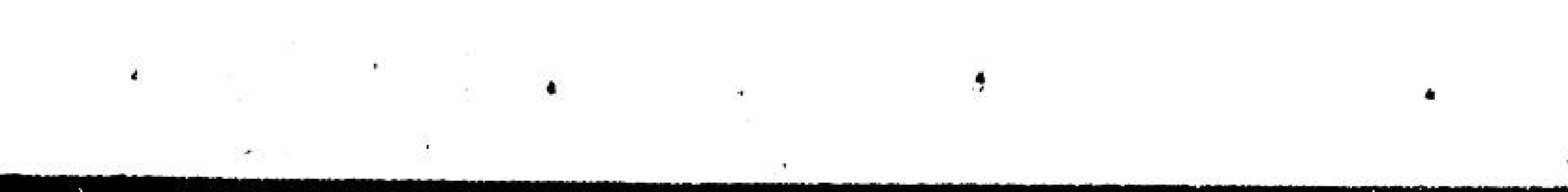

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MR. and Ms Raul Marcelo with the principal sponsors

A second chance at love

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plans for her own wedding which was supposed to take place in April the following year.

Raul could have called a radio talk show, à la "Sleepless in Seattle," but as love would have it that New Year's Eve, he happened to have been wired into the great wide Web and so was Yvonne.

Out of all the people who were in the chat room, they were drawn to each other because of their common interests. She was surprised that he knew so much about banking, while he found her to be intelligent and refreshing.

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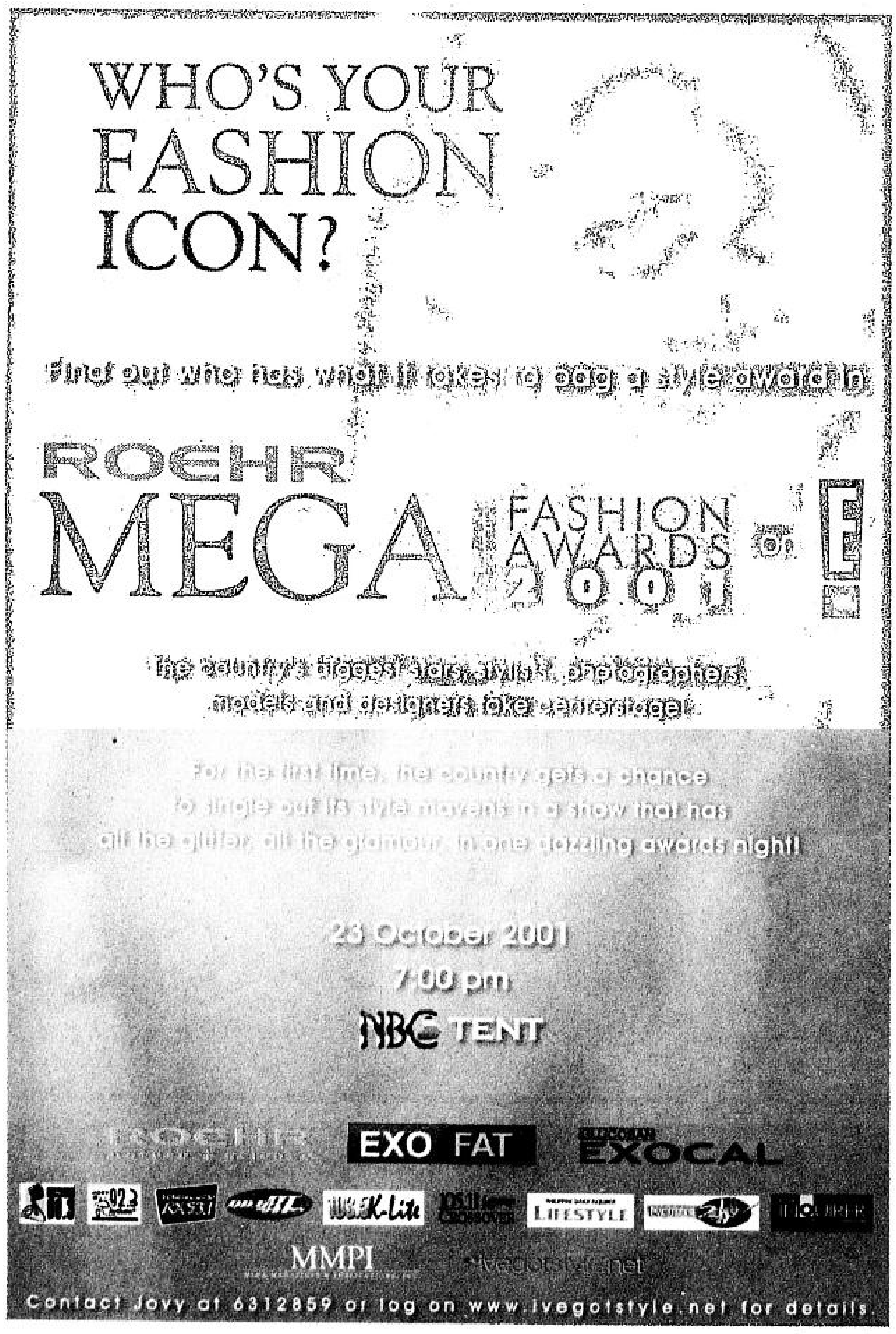
YVONNE Piczon-Marcelo with dad Claro, sister Grace and mom Linda

RECEIVING the blessing from Fr. Larry Tan

ALL IN THE FAMILY. Raul and Yvonne with children Siane, Eliz, Ralph and baby Raya



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ONLY son Ralph sneaks up on his Papa and Tita Yvonne.

A second chance at love

(From page D2)

The e-romance blossomed and four days later the business editor and the banking executive, no longer content with chatting online, met for the first time.

Since then, they have spent a lot of time together. Yvonne has become a good friend to Raul's children—Siane, Eliz and Ralph—while he became the partner and best friend she had been looking for all her life. Raul and Yvonne have a 7-month-old daughter, Raya, who is another source of constant joy to the family.

For their nuptial sponsors, the couple chose Wilfredo Baun, Raul's first boss at the Economic Monitor, and Merceditas Bautista, Yvonne's teacher at the St. Paul's College in Pasig, who is also now one of the teachers of Siane.

The sponsors, family and friends at the wedding were all happy to see the children so excited at the wedding ceremony and at the reception at the Manila Peninsula.

Raul and Yvonne have proved once again that, if they make it their business to look after their hearts, people do have a second chance at love.

THE BRIDE and groom with INQUIRER chair Marixi Prieto, her husband Alex, sponsor Susana Yap, her husband Teofilo Yap and SBC executive vice president Robert Lehmann

THE CUTTING of the cake

WITH THE GROOM'S children and members of the Marcelo family

A battered wife hangs on to her marriage because of her kids

LOVE NOTES

Joe D' Mango

DEAR Joe,

I'm a working mother blessed with two good-looking kids. But I lead a troubled life. I am an unhappy wife. My husband has been working abroad for almost two years now. It's not his distance from us that causes me this sadness. It is the fact that I married a man I don't really know, and don't really love.

I committed myself to this man because I wanted to forget a traumatic experience I had before I met him. I did my best to make the marriage work. But I always ended up in an emotional battle. The man I married is insensitive and selfish when it comes to money. That's why we have always been in a financial difficulty. He loves his money more than he loves me and his children. And what pains me most is that he never trusted me with his money, when in fact I was the one who broke my back working during the first three years of our marriage because at that time he was out of work. I never received a gift from him, not even on special occasions.

Another problem with my husband is that he is a "mama's boy." He can't stand on his own. My in-laws keep interfering with our life. They decide for him and manage his bank accounts. If he'd plan to buy a new house or a car, he'd consult his parents first. I understand that he loves them too much. But, I never felt like his wife. He never made me feel important. I tried talking to him about this, but everything fell on deaf ears.

I'm afraid of him because there are times when he becomes violent. When we make love, he makes me feel so cheap and dirty.

Now that he's working abroad, I find my life more peaceful. I want to love this man, but how can you learn to love a person like him?

Sometimes, destiny, fate or whatever you may call it, will test you during the saddest time of your life. There is another man I am in love with. He is in love with me, too, but sadly, he is also married. This man has given me everything that I've longed for—love, trust, respect. We wanted to savor for a long time this wonderful love that we were feeling, but for the sake of our own families, we decided to part ways. We call and send text messages every day, but we don't intend to have a full-pledged affair.

In spite of all the pain and misery, I still want to go on with this marriage. I want to repair the damage and mend all the wounds, but how? It's my love for my children that keeps me hanging on to our marriage. What will I do? I feel so confused, guilty and hurt. Am I a failure as a wife? Is there hope for me and my husband, or am I fighting a losing battle?

ARIELLE

Marriage is always a calculated risk and what makes it even more uncertain is when people make lifetime commitments without really knowing who they are walking down the aisle with. Marriage should not be forced upon us by external events. It should not be imposed by necessity or obligation. Love, among many other things, must be the primary motivation for any individual to consider a relationship as permanent as marriage.

You married your husband for the wrong reason. Now that you have realized how miserable your life has become, you cannot break away because you are bound by an oath that you promised to keep forever.

There are many married men who are still hung up on their mothers and cannot make decisions on their own. It is quite sad how they become so indifferent and biased toward their spouses.

These kinds of husbands build worlds that revolve only around themselves. They are blind to the realities of life and are quick in making insensitive judgments.

I'm glad you realized that having an affair outside marriage is not the solution to your problem. It was a good thing that you were able to withdraw before you were drawn too close to an affair that would have devastated your life.

Honestly, I don't see anything wrong in continuing to love your husband. But, I don't think there is anything that can justify the way he treats you. A husband who never respects his wife doesn't love her. He cannot say that he does when he physically and sexually abuses her. There are simply no justifiable excuses for these kinds of action.

Your sacrifice would mean a lot in keeping your family intact but you cannot sustain your efforts if you are continually abused and emotionally persecuted. Sometimes it is better for parents to be peacefully apart than to be together in a perennial battle where their children are innocently caught and hurt in the crossfire.

. There is always hope, you may be able to see it with your husband. But, it may also be more visible without him. Pray for strength and guidance. Remember, when we have exhausted all that is humanly possible, we can always call on an all-powerful God who would see us through the most confusing and challenging times of our lives.

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She heeded an old-fashioned advice

LIVE AND LET LIVE

Tita Dulce

DEAR Tita Dulce,

I'm a physician, the eldest child in the family, and still single. I've focused most of my life on studies and career. I've had several boyfriends, but none worked out because of family expectations or simply because the relationship became boring. (Most of the guys were physicians, too, and often we only talked about our profession.)

A lady friend recently tried to pair me off to a young doctor who works in her clinic. The guy, she said, has a girlfriend, a nurse in the United States, but wants to meet sensible ladies because he is disappointed with the ones he's been coming across with. She did not have time to introduce us personally, so she just gave him my number.

When he called and asked that we meet, I agreed. He would have fetched me from my house but he did not know our part of the city. So I agreed to just meet him in a mall. When I informed my mother about this, however, she refused to let me meet him. She said it was not the proper way to meet a man for the first time, even on friendly terms only. Mom said my lady friend, or someone the guy and I are quite acquainted with, should introduce us personally.

When I told him that, he sent me a long text message that pointed out that I should no longer be consulting my mother on such matters. Frankly, I was embarrassed. But my friend, when told of this, agreed with him.

Was I wrong? Who's right?

MAITA

He and your friend do have a point. At your age, you yourself should decide on matters like that. But your mother has a point, too, and one that I personally prefer.

In my generation—and probably your mother's, too—ladies behave toward the opposite sex according to the axiom *hindi pumupunta ang palay sa manok* (the rice grain does not offer itself to the rooster). For the males, of course, the counterpart truism is, *hindi tumatanggi ang manok sa palay* (the rooster does not refuse rice grains).

It is okay, of course, for a lady to meet a male friend. But that is only if they are already friends. If they are meeting for the first time, the lady should not come alone lest that gives the impression that she's so eager to meet him (who is practically a stranger) that she'd throw caution and ladylike behavior to the wind.

If you were wrong, your mistake was that you failed to see (before your mother did) the misimpression that your meeting with him might have created. But while he might be correct in suggesting you should have thought of these things yourself, he was wrong in putting that point across in a way that embarrassed you.

You were right in heeding your Mom. Old as our metaphors are, their core—a woman's honor—is never out of date. What you did made sense.

Didn't that guy say he wanted to meet sensible ladies? I think he just missed you and your Mom.

* * *

AS a graduation gift to me, my father offered to pay for my trip to anywhere in the world. Since cooking is one of my hobbies, I decided to just take a short-term cooking course abroad.

I saw the movie "Sabrina" and I like the idea of going to a cooking school abroad like Le Cordon Bleu. France would be nice, although I heard Le Cordon Bleu has schools in other countries, too.

However, I could not find any information about it on the Internet. Could you or anyone you know help me? I'd like to talk to someone who's studied there. I'd also like to know the course requirements, how much the course costs, how long it will be, etc. Maybe you or my fellow Tita Dulce readers could recommend other cooking schools. I know some schools specialize in certain foods. I like cooking pastries, but also like preparing sumptuous dishes.

I hope you'll reply soon. (And readers may reach me at crapulent2kl@yahoo.com.) My father wants me to decide soon. He's beginning to think I'm not interested in his offer, but I really am.

WANNABECHEF

Since you took the pain of writing us for help, I'm sure your Dad will be convinced you're interested. Let's hope that readers who have the information you need will respond.

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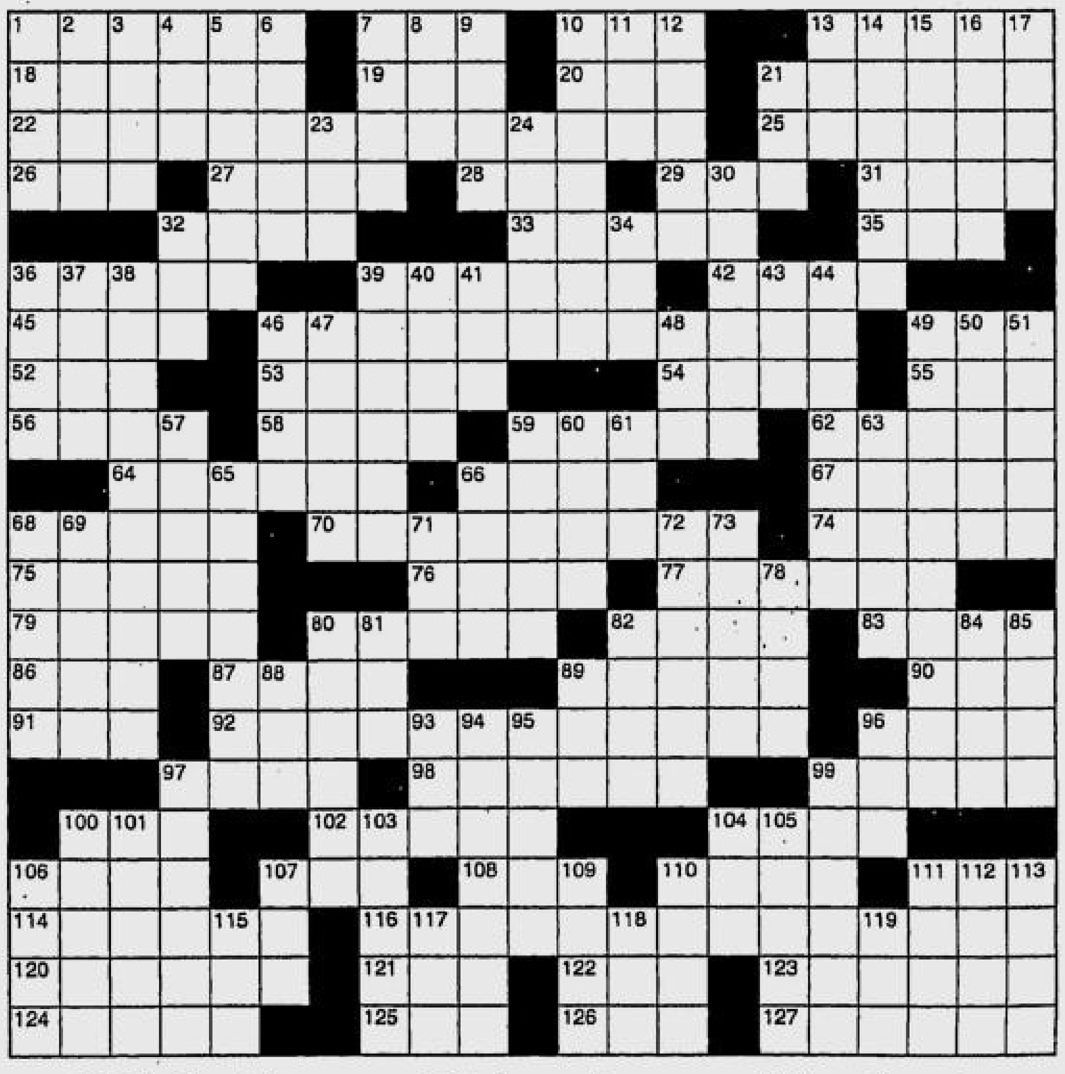

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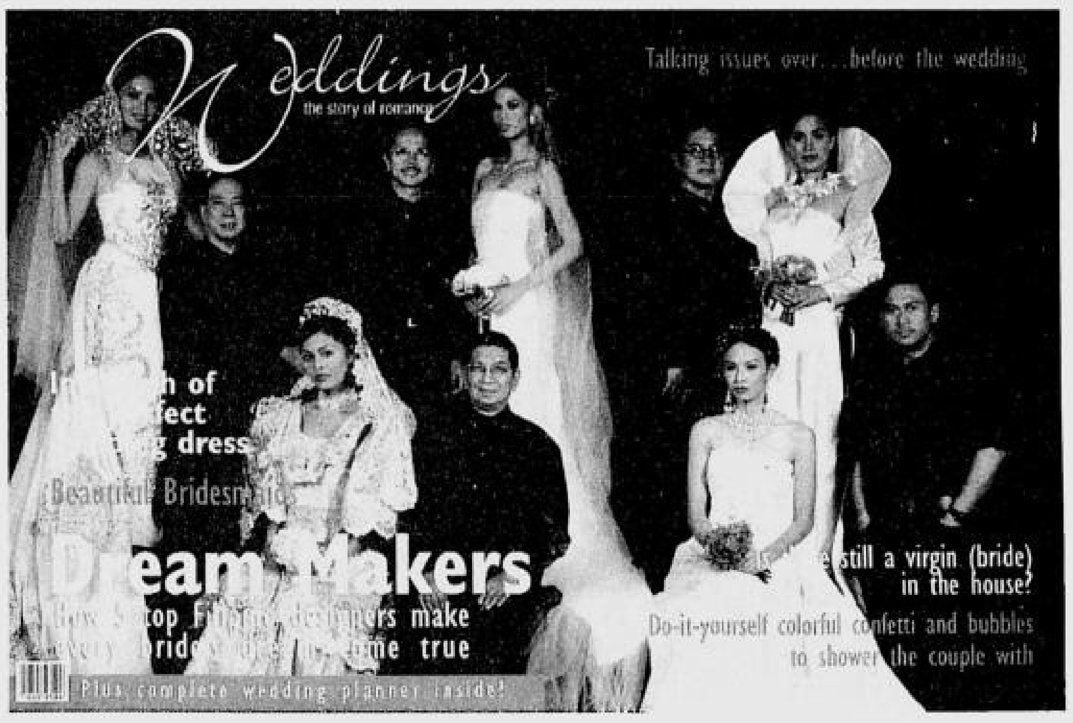
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FILIPINO designers Pitoy Moreno, Ben Farrales, Joe Salazar, Nolie Hans and Frederick Peralta will grace the second issue of Weddings magazine.

This issue also features the latest designs for the bride, the mother of the groom, bridesmaids and *barong* Tagalog for the groom.

Weddings Magazine also shares an in-depth article on the discernment seminar that will help the marrying couple thresh out issues before the wedding rites. Celebrity couple Paolo Abrera and Suzi Entrata also write on the cacophony of emotions that were running through them before, during and after their wedding.

There are also do-it-yourself tips on the new types of confetti that can be fashioned out of paper, bubbles and foils to throw right after the wedding rites, and some crafty ideas for bridal showers.

The most comprehensive bridal magazine, Weddings also features in this issue a complete wedding checklist to guide the would-be bride on every detail of her special day, and a bridal directory which lists down hundreds of suppliers from cakes to giveaways to honeymoon destinations.

Weddings is published by Marathon Publishing Company and is now available at leading bookstores, newsstands and bridal stores.

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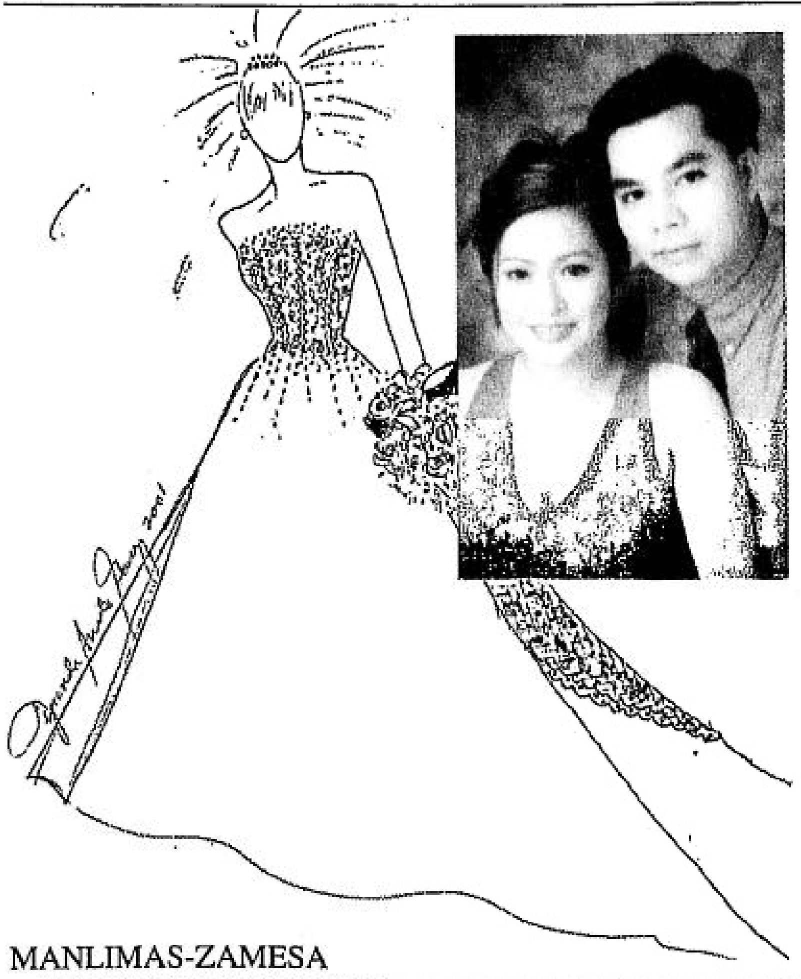
DANGAL NG LIPI AWARDEES

Executive Secretary Alberto G. Romulo was recently awarded the Tanging Dangal ng Lipi 2001 at the Hiyas Convention Center in Malolos, Bulacan. The other awardees were, L to R: Noel F. Cruz, Emilio Rivera III, Dr. Catalino Rivera, Vice Governor Aurelio Planeco, Ambassador Bienvenido Tantoco, Dr. Aurora Reyes, Catalino Novero, Alfredo Santiago and Dr. Rolando Camacho

Milestones

We're accepting announcements of weddings, engagements and debuts. Please send the following typewritten information: names of engaged couple, names of parents, date and place of wedding, gown designer and other related information. Readers can send sketches of gowns and pictures of the couple at least one month before the wedding. This will be printed depending on space availability and at no cost to the sender.



MANLIMAS-ZAMESA

Michelle Salinas Zamesa, daughter of **Rufino** and **Soledad Zamesa**, will exchange marriage vows with **Romulo Baltazar Manlimas**, son of **Romeo** and **Josefina Manlimas**, on Oct. 26 at the Manila Cathedral. Michelle, a flight attendant of Northwest Airlines, will wear an original two-in-one design of **Lynnda Anido-Gomez**. For the church ceremonies, she will wear a bustier of embroidered *piña* encrusted with pearls and glass beads with off-white duchess satin skirt with glass beads cascading from the waist to the hipline, topped with a embroidered train that will be detached during the reception. The couple will spend their honeymoon in the United States.

DOMINGO-BRILLANTES

Rhabby Carl Domingo and **Corrie Brillantes** will exchange marital vows today at the Shrine of Jesus, the Way, Truth and Life Central Business Park Reclamation Area, Pasay City. Rhabby works as an account executive while Corrie is a senior account manager of the Manila Diamond Hotel.

Rhabby is the son of **Felipe Antonio** and **Hortencia Domingo**, while Corrie is the daughter of lawyer **Francisco** and **Zenaida Brillantes**. Reception will follow at the Galaxias Ballroom, Manila Diamond Hotel.

MATEO-PALLER

Romeo Robin Mateo Jr., son of **Romeo** and **Elvira Mateo**, married **Pinky Paller**, daughter of the late **Carlito Paller** and **Bessie Pambid**, on Sept. 28 at the Mary the Queen Parish, Greenhills. The bride wore a simple off-white princess-cut gown in silk shantung with train, accentuated by corded lace with beadwork. **Gilbert Delicano** created the gown.

PERALTA DEBUT

Kristine Joy Capistrano Peralta, daughter of Mr. and Ms **Emeterio M. Peralta Jr.**, and a student at UP Los Baños, will celebrate her 18th birthday at the Century Park Hotel, Manila on Nov. 10.

Kristine has chosen the fairy-tale theme for her debut. It will feature a service of praise and prayer, a role play of her childhood years up to the present, the dances of the royal court of fairy land (*cotillion de honor*) and a dance number by the debutante herself.

CASTILLO-SILVA

Melecio C. Castillo, son of **Francisco** and **Julita de Castro**, and **Glenda M. Silva**, daughter of **Norma M. Silva**, will exchange "I dos" on Oct. 28 at M. Pulo Chapel, Lipa City. Reception will be at Silverlaz, Lipa City.

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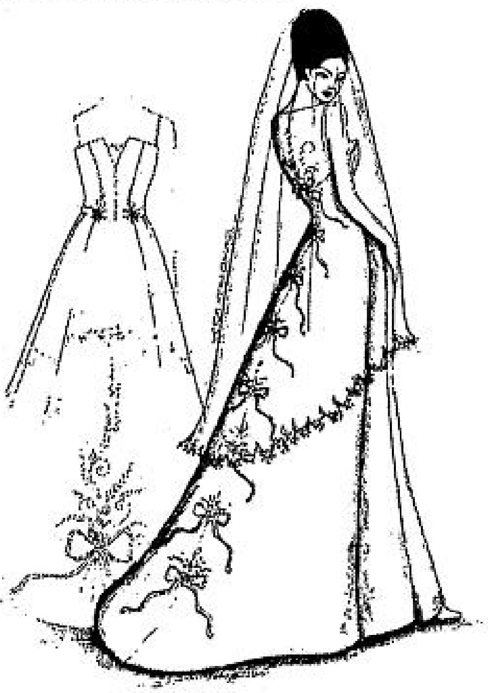
Jacques "Jim" Andre de Lorimier, son of **Gail Harnett-Blevins** and the late **Jacques de Lorimier** and **Connie Prieto Espiritu**, daughter of **Patty Prieto-Espiritu** and **Tony N. Espiritu Jr.** of New Jersey, USA, were married recently at Saint Bartholomew's Church in Miramar, Florida. Reception followed at the Bankers Club in downtown Miami with music provided by the Manhattan Music's Long Island Sound. Relatives and close friends from the Philippines and different parts of the United States attended the wedding. The newlyweds are now residing in Pembroke Pines, Florida.



CALLEJA-SISON

Alvin Emmanuel Espinosa Calleja, son of **Manuel** and **Angeline Calleja**, and **Joycelyn Reyno Sison**, daughter of **Jose** and **Scholastica Sison**, will exchange marriage vows on Nov. 3 at the Nuestra Señora de Gracia Church, Guadalupe Viejo, Makati City.

The bride will wear a duchess white-pink satin gown by **Victor Quiñones** of Paluan, Occidental Mindoro. The bodice and straps are fully embellished with Swarovski crystals. The cathedral train is embroidered with dainty bow designs in ice-pink thread, caviar and silk cut beads. The entourage will wear gowns in old rose and baby pink, also designed by Quiñones.

ORTEGA GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Ms **Jose Castro Ortega Sr.** (née **Raymunda Vargas Pimping**) celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Oct. 13 with a thanksgiving mass and renewal of marriage vows at the Manila Cathedral, Intramuros, Manila. Relatives and close friends joined the couple and their children and grandchildren in the celebration. Reception followed at the Grand Ballroom, Century Park Hotel, Manila.

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1pc. chili, chopped
1 onion, chopped
3 tbsp. garlic, chopped
1/2 + 1/4 cup water, divided
2pcs. shrimp-flavored bouillon cubes
parsley for garnishing
salt and pepper to taste

PROCEDURE:
1. Cook Angel Hair according to package directions. Drain and set aside.
2. Heat oil in a pan, and saute garlic, onion and chili.
3. Add shrimps and red and green peppers. Season with salt and pepper. Cook for 2 minutes, then set aside.
4. In saucepan, combine 1/2 cup water and shrimp cubes. Bring to a boil 1-2 minutes.
5. Reduce heat to low, add cooked pasta and toss until liquid is absorbed and well-blended.
6. Serve pasta on plate and top with shrimp mixture.

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Mag focuses on self-enhancement, wise media consumption

WHY do you need time for yourself? How do you make time for yourself? Is it even possible when you've got your hands full with family and work? Metro Working Mom, the magazine for busy moms, gives you the answers in its October issue with insights, strategies and tips to help you balance your own needs with the hundred and one other concerns you're perennially swamped with.

MWM's latest issue lets you in on the secrets to taking care of yourself amid hectic days in "Get Pamper Me Time." In "As Good As It Gets," get ideas on putting the fun back into your marriage. The magazine also tells you what you need to know about the different kinds of leaves and how to make them work for you in "Get a Life!"

MWM cover girl Karen Davila-Sta. Ana, award-winning broadcast journalist and soon-to-be mom, clues you in on the other useful articles in this month's issue: "Growing Up" section reveals kids' favorite TV programs and what these teach them in "Top 10 TV Shows." "Setting Your Own PG Ratings," on the other hand, focuses on dealing with TV sex and violence that have come to fill the boob tube these days. Discover, too, the possible reasons computer games are so popular among teenagers and learn how to handle the situation effectively when your kid is spending too much time and money on network gaming.

The other sections of MWM are loaded with more valuable information. Looking for ways to help your maid improve her skills? The "Mommy Inc." section features three institutions that offer training programs for household helpers. Don't know what else to give your kids for their *baon*? Get ideas for yummy and healthy treats from "Lunchbox Dilemma." Still clueless about osteoporosis? Find out if you're a candidate for this brittle-bone disease and get the simple lowdown on prevention in "Osteoporosis 101."

This October issue also features charming but budget-friendly Halloween costumes for your kids, variations of the (not so) little black dress to flatter full-figured women, and 30-minute recipes for moms who want to prepare not-your-usual ground beef dishes.

MWM's readers get together every month for free parenting workshops on various topics. The workshops are conducted by experts such as family/parenting counselor Maribel Dionisio, child psychologist Dr. Lourdes Carandang and math and psychology expert Dr. Queena Lee-Chua. Call Marla Silayan at 637-1959.

Metro Working Mom is the magazine for busy moms published by ABS-CBN Publishing and is available at leading bookstores, newsstands and specialty stores nationwide.

GOINGS-ON

Pre-holiday bazaar features mini garden show

THE AYALA Alabang Village Garden Club holds its annual bazaar on Oct. 20-21, 8 a.m.-7 p.m., at the Cuenca Covered Court, Ayala Alabang. This year, the bazaar will have a pre-Halloween theme as well as a mini garden show with at least 15 plant concessionaires.

On Oct. 20, 3 p.m., there will be a cooking demo by Frieda Lim of Danielle and Lazlo. On Oct. 21, 3 p.m., the Flower Club of the Phils. will give a flower arrangement demo.

Over 100 concessionaires in this year's bazaar will sell food delicacies, export overruns of garments, Christmas and home décor, imported toys and games, furniture, antiques and unusual varieties of plants.

Proceeds of this year's bazaar will go to the club's ongoing projects and charities, such as donations to the Muntinlupa General Hospital.

BAZAAR. The much-awaited Friends of CCP Grand Bazaar is set on Oct. 27 at the ballroom of Dusit Hotel Nikko, Ayala Center, Makati City. Proceeds will go to the foundation funds, which was set up by FCCP to support the development of Philippine arts and culture. Call 817-0670/3905.

SEMINAR. The Center for Human Research and Development Foundation Inc. is holding a seminar-workshop on "Creative Entrepreneurship: Should You Start Your Own Business?" on Oct. 25-26, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. at the Benitez Memorial Center, University of the Philippines, Diliman, QC. Call Beth Solquio at 927-9858 or (0919) 239-9464.

SEMINAR. Soroptimist International Founder Manila continues its Productive Retirement seminars for retired women executives, employees and interested elderly women with an out-of-town tour to the First Bloom Orchids farm in Palo Alto, Calamba, Laguna, on Oct. 20. Call Pamela, Sonia or Jenny at 532-3061 or Claire at 821-2580.

ANNIVERSARY. The Philarcons Fraternity-Sorority Inc. will hold its 30th anniversary on Nov.16-17 at The Residence Hotel in Iloilo City. Call 853 7409 or (0917) 532-5394 for Manila Chapter or Brod Serisola (0919) 559-1193 for Iloilo Chapter.

CHOCOLATE OR ICE CREAM?
Torn Between Two Cravings

Filipinos' Passion for Chocolates and Ice Cream

Chocolates are a heavenly surprise to any sweet-toothed Pinoy. It's the reason why duty-free shops and supermarkets can have queues longer than lines in a concert ticket booth, and it's the staple *pasalubong* from *balikbayans*.

And what approximates the Filipinos' penchant for chocolates? Well, uhm, it's the penchant for ice cream! Whether from *sorbetes* carts to supermarkets to ice cream parlors, no one can resist a creamy spoonful of that frozen delight for that brief but exciting respite from the humid tropical weather.

But trust any Filipino to try to have the best of both worlds. Surveys indicate that chocolate-flavored ice cream is consistently ranked among the top ten favorites here in the Philippines. No ice cream fad or new flavor can take away the Filipinos' love for chocolate-flavored ice cream.

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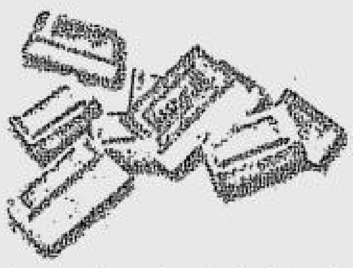

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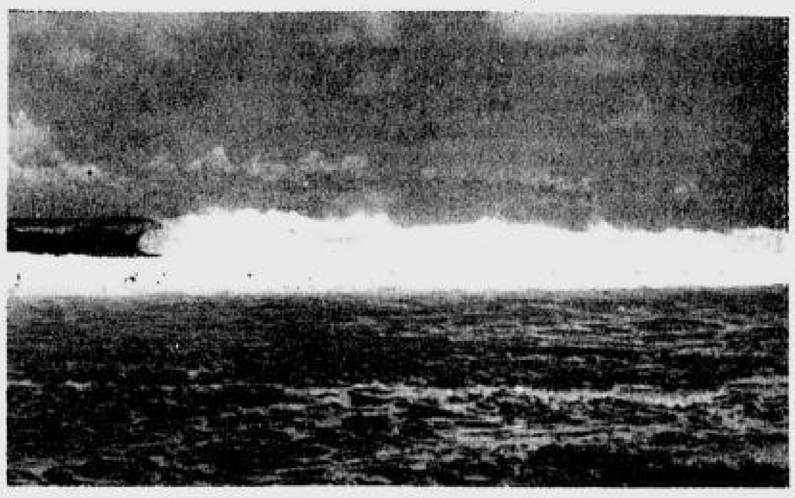

Surfing brings Siargao international fame

By Don G. Rapadas

BOASTING of surf waves comparable in power and quality to those of Hawaii, the island of Siargao in Surigao del Norte is reputed to be one of the world's great surfing spots.

Surfing season is between July to November when strong waves visit the island. Siargao's eastern side, with its white sand beaches and reef breaks, provides the perfect venue for surfing competitions.

Transport on the island is limited to jeepneys and *habal-habal* (stretch motorbikes that sit five people huddled together). Telecommunication was practically nonexistent until the 6th Siargao International Surfing Cup was held Sept. 27-30. Smart Communications set up a cell site for the surfing event, making possible coverage by mostly Manila-based media people of the competition.

The international surfing event was organized by the Department of Tourism—Caraga Region XIII, Philippine Tourism Authority, the Provincial Government of Surigao del Norte and the local government of General Luna.

Drew Courtney of Australia topped the competition, followed by his compatriots Steve Clements and Kurt Nyholm. In fourth place was Fernando Alipayo, a native of Siargao. He was the first Filipino surfer to get into the finals (the Philippines was represented in the international meet by the top three surfers in a national competition).

Roy Norris, executive director of Wave Rider, a media group specializing on surfing, says the Philippines is the next surfing frontier of the world. After visiting other surfing sites in the country—Mona Lisa in La Union, Baler in Aurora, Catanduanes and Samar—he thinks Siargao is fabulous. "We have seen the waves here form really good 'barrels,' good enough for a surfer to put up a show," he observes. He adds that Filipinos, such as Daisy Valdes of La Union, have the potential to be world class in the sport.

Surfing 101

Anyone interested in surfing must know how to swim—that's a basic. S/He must also be able to hold his/her breath at least for a minute.

Bado Yu, a native of Cebu and among the first Filipinos to challenge the waves of Siargao, began surfing in Manhattan Beach, California. When he heard about Siargao, he came home to see for himself. He became fascinated with the place and began teaching the sport to locals. In 1997, he organized local surfers into the General Luna Board Riders.

Yu said surf referred to waves breaking on the shore. A surf break happens when waves hit a shallow part of the reef and forms a swell. It is followed by a leap, a huge "roof" of water that surfers await. In some surfing spots, like Cloud Nine (named after a local chocolate of the same name which surfers were eating), the leap could be about 12 ft, while in others like Maui, it could be up to 20. Nature decides what the angle of inclination for a leap would be. Waves come in sets, which is why a surfer must be able to hold his breath for a long time as he heads from one wave to another.

Popular surfing strokes include the stand-up (most common), with the board under the surfer's feet that are kept in place by a special wax and a

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track pad. In the prone or body surfing, the surfer lies on his side. The tow-in is similar to the stand-up except that the surfer has his feet strapped to the board. He paddles in for a wave with the help of a Jet Ski. This is more risky.

For Bado, the surfing experience is almost spiritual in nature. "Once you're inside the 'barrel'... the senses are heightened and you just sit there in trance. It rejuvenates the spirit. It's like being in your mother's womb again," he said.

Perfect wave

Surfing started in Siargao Island in 1980. Two young men, Tony Arruza, an American of Cuban descent, and Steve Jones, an Australian, came to General Luna "in search of a perfect wave." They surfed in the area now known as the Jacking Horse, which is near Cloud Nine. Then word spread

in the surfing world of a secret place in Siargao Island with a good surf. Among the surfers who came later was a man who introduced himself as Max Walker. The troubled man, who fasted himself to death and was buried in the place, was the legendary John Michael Boyum who founded several surfing havens in Southeast Asia like Nias and G-Land in Indonesia. "Wherever he was, other surfers came," said former General Luna mayor Jaime Rusilion.

After a visit in 1992 of the world famous surfing photographer John Callahan, with surfing superstars Kevin Davidson and Taylor Knox, photographs of Siargao landed in international magazines and caught the world's attention.

Surfers from all parts of the globe started coming in mass. This prompted the local government of General Luna, with some Australians, to organize in 1995 the first surfing competition, the Siargao Surfing Classic." The local government shouldered almost all the expenses, including the prizes. A fairly successful staging generated international interest and the First Siargao Cup was held in 1996. Since then, the Siargao International Surfing Cup has become a regular event.

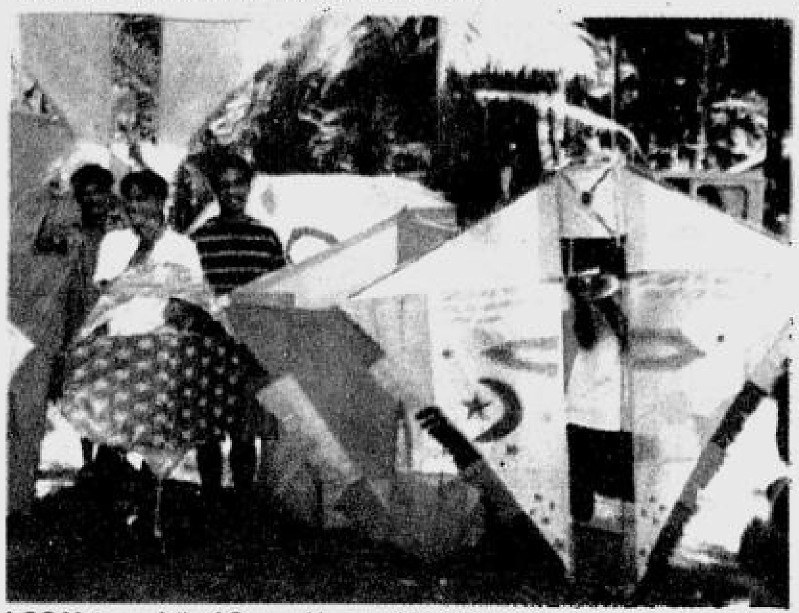
6th
Siargao
INTERNATIONAL SURFING CUP

WINNERS of the 6th Siargao International Surfing Cup (all Australian, from left), Kurt Nyholm, second runner-up; Steve Clements, first runner-up; Drew Courtney, champion

SURIGAO Del Norte Gov. Robert Lyndon S. Barbers officially opened the 6th Siargao International Surfing Cup on Sept. 27

WELCOME
6th Siargao
NATIONAL SURFING CUP

A LOCAL contestant receives a special prize during the awarding ceremonies of the National Surfing Cup. Looking on are (from left) Department of Tourism officials from Surigao and Butuan, an Australian host and representatives of major sponsors



LOCAL townsfolk of General Luna added color to the International Surfing Cup with their kite-flying festival on the third day of the competition.

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The IFP, the largest single program supported by the Foundation, provides support for up to three years of formal graduate study level.

It is offering opportunities to exceptional individuals from social groups and sectors that lack systematic access to opportunities for postgraduate education and who are committed to national and community service.

In the Philippines, around 20 fellows will be chosen each year for the IFP. There is no age limit. The fellows can pursue graduate studies in almost any field as long as they will use their postgraduate training for community-building and furthering development in their areas of expertise. Once chosen, fellows may enroll in universities in any part of the world, including their country of residence.

To qualify for the IFP, one must:

- Be a Filipino citizen
- Be a resident in the country for at least one year at the time of application
- Have at least a college degree with above average academic performance
- Have three years of full-time working experience
- Come from a group that has limited access to educational opportunities (i.e., belongs to cultural minority, resides in a poor area/province, has a physical disability, comes from a poor family)

Northern Luzon applicants for the IFP can visit the Office of the Vice President of Academic Affairs, Saint Louis University, Baguio City. Applicants for Metro Manila and Southern Luzon may obtain application forms at the PSSC's office in Commonwealth Avenue, Diliman, QC or call 922-9621 to 30 and 926-2061. E-mail address is pssc@skyinet.net.

Interested parties in the Visayas may contact the Director, Office for International Linkages, University of San Carlos, Cebu City while those from Mindanao can go to the Office of the President, Notre Dame Business Resource Center Foundation Inc., Notre Dame of Dadiangas, General Santos City.

Expert speaks on autism

PAUL Shattock, O.B.E., director of the Autism Research Unit, University of Sunderland, UK, will be the guest speaker during the 7th National Conference on Autism on Oct. 26-28 at the 5/F Convention Hall, IEC Building, NIA Complex, Edsa, QC.

Shattock has done extensive research on the possible relationship between autism and diet as well as on the possible environmental factors affecting autism. Other speakers are renowned developmental pediatricians Dr. Alexis Reyes and Dr. Rhandy PeBenito, Dr. Marilyn Ortiz, child neurologist, and Dr. Eva Cutiongco of the Institute of Human Genetics.

With the theme "Looking at Autism from a Lifespan Perspective," wide-ranging topics such as genetics, medications, immunizations, secretin, among others will be discussed. The conference is hosted by Autism Society Phils. Call the ASP office at 926-6942 or 434-9249 or e-mail autism-phils@pacific.net.ph.

TRAVEL

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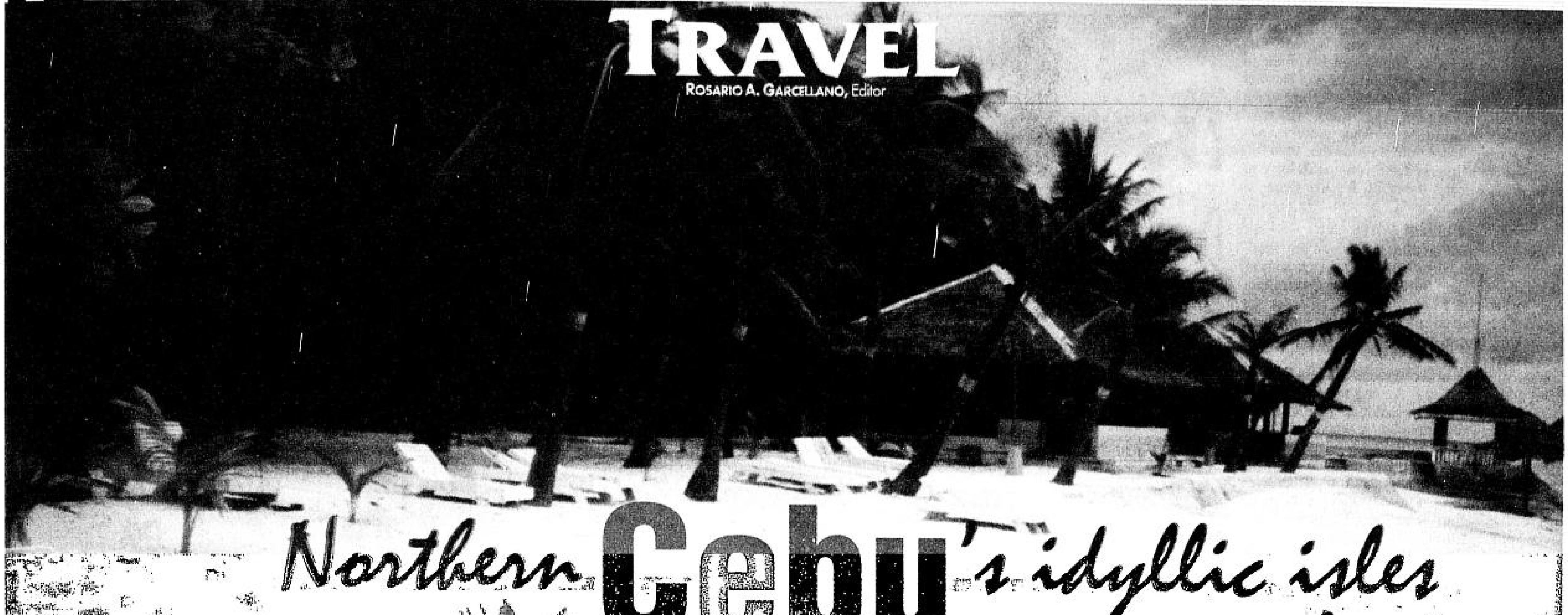
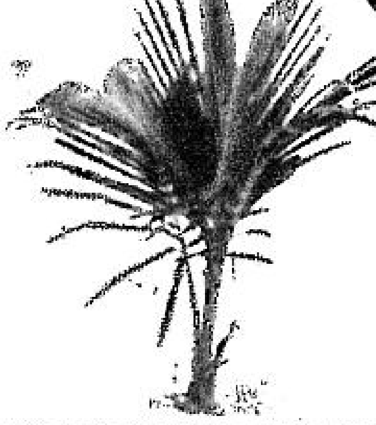


Northern Cebu's idyllic isles

Tourists are discovering the cluster of islands rich in marine life and unspoiled beaches



TEXT AND PHOTOS
BY AMADÍS MA. GUERRERO

OFF the northern tip of Cebu is a cluster of about 15 islands and islets, teeming with marine life and powdery-sand beaches, which are beginning to be discovered by tourists.

The smallest island is Gato, which is about 20-30 hectares, and the biggest is Bantayan, which has three towns: Bantayan, Santa Fe (where most of the beach resorts are) and Madridejos.

This divers' haven is now being threatened by destructive forms of fishing, such as those employing dynamite and cyanide. Mangroves are also being cut, threatening the crabs' natural habitat, and resulting in a reduced supply.

"As far as the Department of Environment and Natural Resources is concerned, the problem is not just environmental but also economic and political," says DENR Regional Executive Director Augustus L. Momongan.

"The political aspect has to do with empowering the communities," adds Regional Public Affairs Officer Ruel P. Orillaneda. "We believe that livelihood should veer away from extracting resources from the sea to give it time to regenerate itself."

There is an alternative livelihood program in three barangays in Bantayan town focusing on rice production and hog and goat dispersal, among other activities. When the communities become self-sustaining, the DENR will pull out and replicate the projects elsewhere.

The centerpieces for tourism in the area are Bantayan and Malapascua.

Bantayan is known for its corals, mangroves, sea grass, *danggit* and other dried seafood. According to Orillaneda, it is among the popular destinations in Cebu, "and the whole island is laced with beaches."

The entry point to the island is Hagnaya Port in San Remigio, 110 kilometers north of Cebu City, where SuperFerries from Manila dock four times a week. Among these is SuperFerry 12, which sometimes offers film buffs a treat: classics like Charlie Chaplin's "The Gold Rush" and "The Circus."

Smaller and more idyllic than Bantayan is Malapascua, showpiece for tourism in Northern Cebu. The island was discovered, sort of, by foreign tourists and divers. The entry point to Malapascua is the town of Daanbantayan in the northern tip of Cebu.

As Daanbantayan Tourism Coordinator Romeo B. Canillas puts it in a master plan, the 2-3-square-meter island, with its fine, powdery-white-sand beaches, is "set for explosive tourism growth."

Accommodations in Malapascua range from the spartan to the expensive, from private homes and budget inns offering bed and breakfast to resorts operated by foreigner-Filipino couples.

"You can also just pitch a tent and no one will bother you," says Orillaneda.

The island is a jump-off point for divers. In fact, in one shark-infested area (appropriately known as Sharks' Point) "the divers literally dive with the sharks."

Now, worldwide there are 400 species of sharks, "and less than 10 percent of these are aggressive," says Central Visayas Marine Biologist Rizalier C. Amolo.

Adds his colleague Homer Y. de Dios: "The species found in Sharks' Point are the thresher sharks, which may or may not be aggressive."

"The beaches in Malapascua are great," raves Orillaneda.

So off we go to Bantayan and Malapascua the following day, at the ungodly hour of 4 a.m., with the cities of Mandaue, Cebu and Lapu-Lapu slowly beginning to awaken. With me are foresters Dante C. Soria of the Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Office and Danilo S. Lendio of DENR Carmen town.

As we sweep through the towns north of the metropolis, DENR driver Richard B. Diaz, jovial and loquacious, keeps up a rapid-fire running commentary. In Danao City he remarks in Filipino: "There are many guns here. Pang-pang!"

In Catmon, there are quite a number of beach resorts catering to the locals. In Sogod, the flat terrain gives way to a zigzag road and limestone cliffs and ravines. And at Bogo, a giant statue of Mother Mary casts its rays upon the sea.

THE SANTA Fe beach in Bantayan is balm for both dog and human.

THESE antebellum houses take pride of place in the town plaza.

We reach San Remigio after a two-hour ride over a smooth highway and then board an inter-island vessel to Santa Fe, where many of the tourist facilities in Bantayan are located. Ah, yes, there are several interesting spots in the island.

Bantayan town has an old stone church, a plaza with some well-preserved antebellum houses, and a public market awash with fresh and dried fish, including the crunchy *danggit*. Hmmm, the crabs are steamed and ready to eat, and we demolish these for lunch, fresh and succulent.

The resorts are numerous, at least two comparable to those in Mactan Island, though smaller in scale. The Madridejos Beach Resort has a bowling alley, said to be the only one on the island.

The Santa Fe Beach Club, facing the channel, has a chateau-like main building. Its subsidiary, the Ogtong Cave-Santa Fe Beach Resort, has well manicured lawns and a swimming pool. One room is constructed around a huge natural boulder.

Other recommended resorts are Kota, Budyong and Maia.

The one-hour ride back to the mainland, with the ferryboat cruising at a leisurely 10.5 knots, is rough. And, ominously, we learn that a low-pressure area is brewing off Samar.

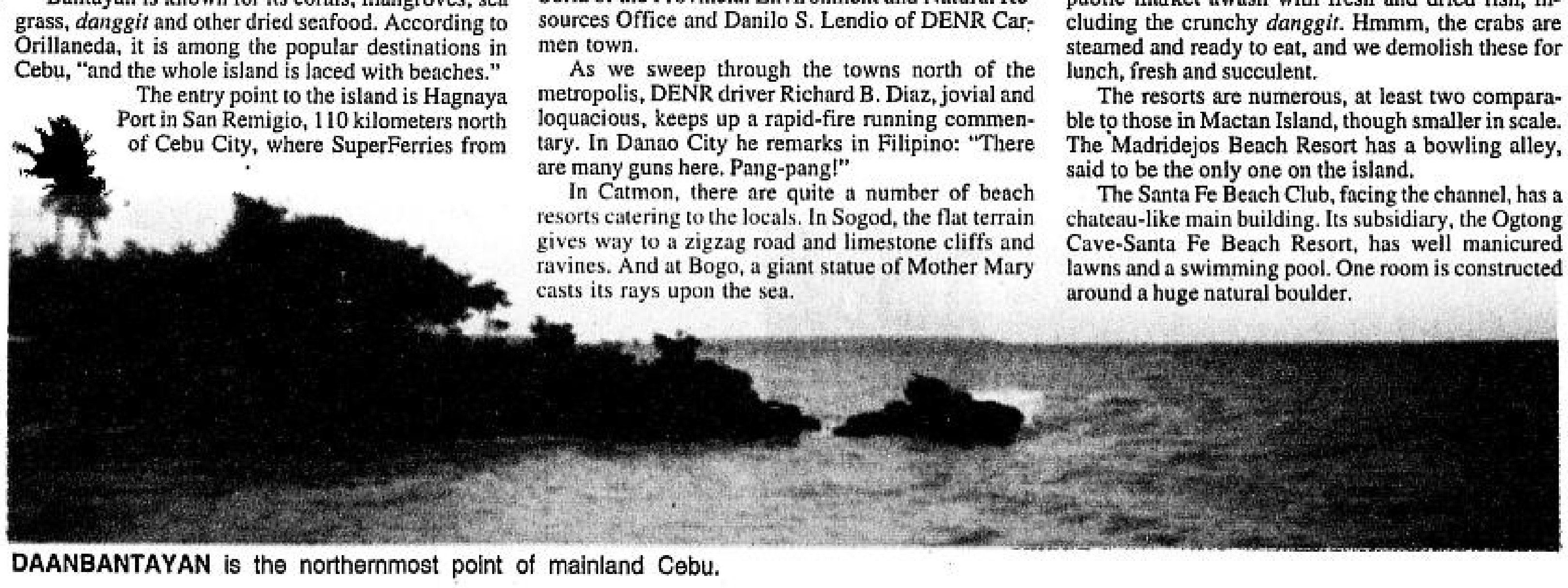
We decide to spend the night at a pension house in Bogo, Which has a spanking-new Gaisano Mall with the inevitable Jollibee branch. Here we are joined by Roldan R. Cotejo, protected-areas superintendent for Bantayan, and Paulo Cobrado, an environmental consultant.

Cotejo treats us to an outdoor-eatery type of dinner, and then Cobrado invites the group to a videoke bar for some "night life" in Vina Morales country. Social drinking and videoke singing, you know, are the favorite evening pastime of DENR boys all over the country. We belt out a few standard songs in English and Filipino, but driver Richard steals the show with a song-and-dance routine in Visayan.

The following morning is a downer. Canillas, the tourism coordinator in Daanbantayan who had reserved a pump boat for us, informs the group that at midpoint, the waters of the channel—where the Visayan Sea and the Camotes Sea pummel each other—are turbulent, thanks to the low-pressure area near Samar. (This is the month of August.) Proceeding to Malapascua would be a high-risk affair.

Later a fisherman reports to Richard that his son ventured out to sea at 1 a.m., and that their boat almost capsized.

As the French tourists would exclaim, *Zut* (Darn it)! Now, I will have to postpone the visit to Malapascua, the new, emerging, much-talked-about ecotourist destination in Central Visayas. Perhaps I can return sometime between November and June, when the treacherous waters of the Northern Cebu channel calm down.



DAANBANTAYAN is the northernmost point of mainland Cebu.

FOR THE SPIRIT, there is the old stone church.

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ZoukOut 2001

ZOUK, one of the hottest discos in Singapore, will once more host the dance music festival "ZoukOut" on Nov. 24.

With the festival's phenomenal success last year, "ZoukOut" returns to Sentosa with an even more brilliant lineup and a "carnival" flavor.

This year's event will feature a variety of styles of dance music from techno to house to retro on Sentosa's idyllic beach. Alongside the music tents will be a chill-out area, a makeup and body-painting center, and even a "playground."

For more information, log onto www-zoukclub.com.

Mary's month

OCTOBER, the month of the Blessed Virgin Mary, is also when the people of Bacolod put on their best masks and colorful costumes to dance in the streets.

Twenty-five groups are now registered to vie for the competition awards, the highlight of the Oct. 20-21 "Masskara," according to Mayor Joy Valdez.

The townsfolk of Camiguin, garbed in fruits and leaves of their famous lanzones, are also competing in street dancing. For several years, their best contingents have won grand prizes in Cebu's Sinulog Festival.

The postcard-pretty panorama of Camiguin and the harvest of luscious lanzones will be the high points of a tour on Oct. 25-28.

Those interested to join any of these two tours may call Adams Express Travel at 536-1736/37 or 521-1651/98.

'Pista ng Kooperatiba'

BULACAN, seat of the first Philippine Republic, now has another title, the "cradle of cooperativism" in the country.

As part of the special events to celebrate "Cooperative and Enterprise Month," the Provincial Government of Bulacan, in cooperation with the Cooperative Hall of Fame Awardees, is mounting the "Pista ng Kooperatiba" at the Malolos Capitol grounds on Oct. 15-20.

The festival is aimed at establishing Bulacan not only as a cultural, historical and tourism destination but also as a source of a wide range of products. Great buys include furniture and furnishings, scented candles, Christmas decor, garments, toys, plant ornamentals and food delicacies.

Seminar tackles air safety for travelers

THE HUMAN factor affecting pilots and co-pilots in the cockpit was the subject of a recent seminar conducted by the Air Safety Foundation Inc. (ASF).

The seminar, an annual event sponsored by the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association of the Philippines, was held at the Hyatt Regency in Manila with Capt. Amado H. Soliman, ASF chief, presiding.

"Attitude is one of the very important factors in flying," Soliman pointed out. "A pilot should have a healthy attitude for him to fly the aircraft with ease. And this will ensure the safety of the passengers, and himself as well."

One of the highlights of Soliman's lecture was his presentation of "S-H-E-L-L," an acronym describing the combination of human factors in a flight situation.

According to Soliman, "S" stands for the software, the procedures in flying a plane; "H" for hardware, the plane being flown; "E" for the environment and weather conditions affecting the flight; and the two "Ls" for the pilot and co-pilot.

"Miscommunication in (flights) is the most common reason why accidents happen," he said.

He also said air safety depended not only on how the aircraft was flown, but also on the safety measures governing our runways and terminals.

Soliman is an active member of Save Our Skies (SOS), a non-government organization advocating gradual and progressive air liberalization, with members from the various industries, travel and tour agencies, cargo forwarders, hotel owners, local entrepreneurs and the tourism industry.

A TENNIS court for those who don't go for water games

A pearl of a place

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sanctuary, boasts of white sand beaches, abundant marine life, exotic blooms, rock formations, mangroves and other attractions. The resort offers various water sports activities including wave running, wind surfing, water polo, jet skiing, water skiing, sea kayaking and many more. A must-see for divers is the 150-ha Coral Garden and Marine Reservation Park at Linusotan and Dadatan at nearby Talikud Island. Samal also offers excellent snorkeling sites. Just 60 meters away from the Pearl Farm are two sunken World War II Japanese vessels, which scuba divers can explore.

If you are not a water sports enthusiast, you can enjoy the manmade waterfalls, which flow into a lagoon, or have a pleasant walk on the white sand beach. You can also have a relaxing massage with aromatheraphy.

Houses by the sea

The Pearl Farm's Samal Houses were patterned after the cottages on stilt of the seafaring Samals of the Sulu archipelago. Each of the 21 air-conditioned houses designed for families of four contains two medium-sized beds, a separate bath and toilet plus a sink inside the bedroom. A mini refrigerator and a cable television set are also provided.

Six luxurious two-story, Muslim-inspired Samal Suites overlooking the sea have all the amenities of five-star accommodation. Balay Houses are 15 hotel-type rooms at the Hilltop. Each room displays fine examples of the arts and crafts of the tribal people of Mindanao. From the promontory we snapped shots of the mountains beyond and the beach below. The hilltop is also a perfect venue for Mass celebrations.

At the south end of the resort are 20 Mandaya Houses, each with its own private balcony offering a perfect view of the magnificent southern Mindanao sunsets.

After a fitful sleep the next day, our guest relations manager brought us to Isla Malipano directly across from the Pearl Farm, which has seven exclusive villas owned by the Floirendos. Four of the houses, which are made of native materials like bamboo, coconut and *yakal*, sit on stilts directly over the water while the rest were built on rocky outcropping above the beach. The native *salakot* inspired the shape of the roofs. All the waterfront bungalows and Malipano Villas were designed by world-renowned architect Bobby Mañosa.

The Malipano Gardens provide a perfect setting for delightful and romantic tropical/tribal wedding. In fact, some well-known personalities had their weddings there. On the other end of the island is the Malipano Gazebo where luau dinners are held.

Prices for the accommodations, of course, vary according to size and location.

The resort offers its guests facilities like swimming pools with jacuzzis, a game room, basketball court and tennis court, which are open day and night. Aqua sports facilities are also available. Function rooms, which can accommodate up to 70 guests, have excellent facilities for power meetings and various corporate events. A gift shop called the Butik offers a variety of local handicrafts and other products. The Mandaya Weaving Center shows tribeswomen weaving their traditional handbags, mats, fabrics and other products, which are sold at very reasonable prices.

Food delight

The good food will likely add to a guest's pleasant memories of the resort. The Maranao Restaurant offers special buffets from morning to evening, with choices ranging from Filipino to international favorites, particularly seafood dishes. It also serves local fruits like durian, green mandarin and mangosteen. A string ensemble serenades guests as they dine.

The Parola Bar offers a stunning view of the sea, the famous Mt. Apo and nearby islands as you enjoy cocktails before dinner. When the resort was still a pearl farm, it was a lookout post to ward off unwelcome strangers.

The resort offers a variety of party packages with special food promotions. At least once a month, it has a party package of P960, which include an overnight stay for two inclusive of breakfast buffet. On Oct. 31, a party dubbed "48 Hours," the third in a series of "hola parties," will be held.

In our three-day tour of the island, we discovered its wonders and truly, Davao is back on its feet again. It's really a place of good memories, good food and nice people. I would surely make a great effort to come back.

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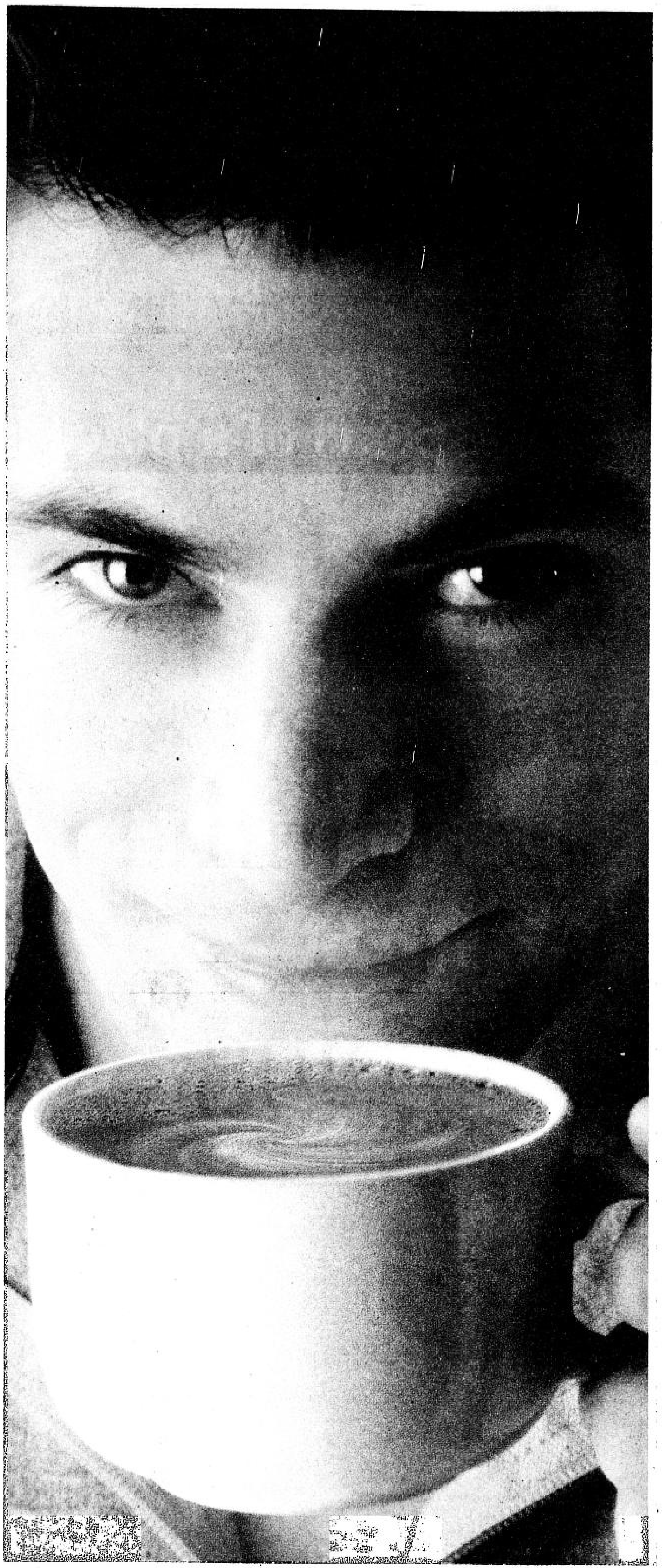

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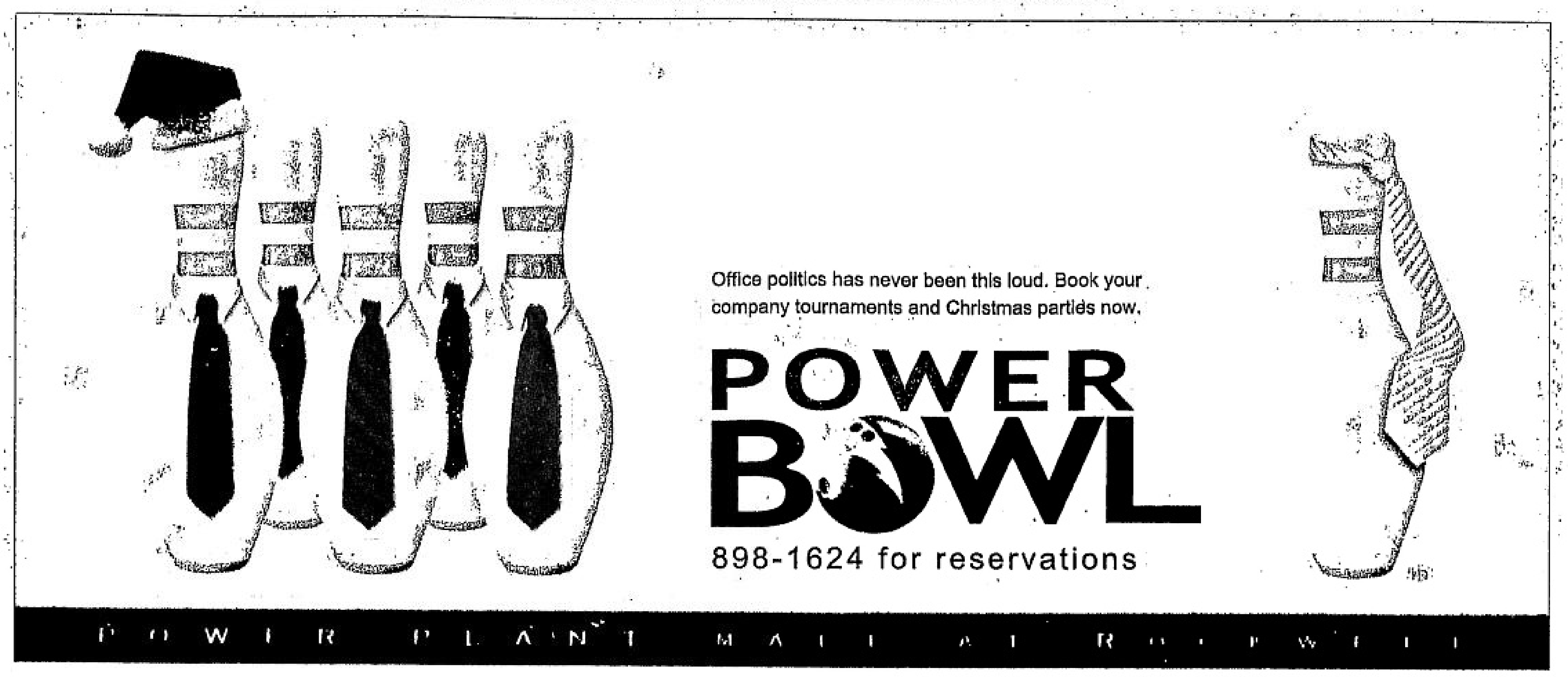

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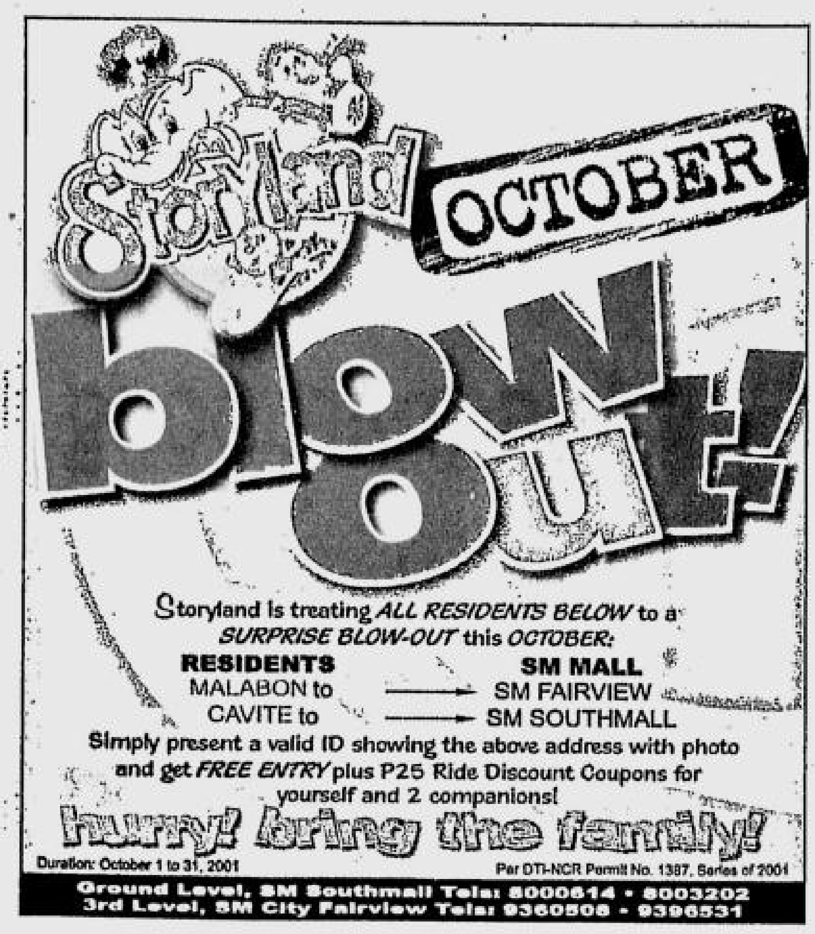
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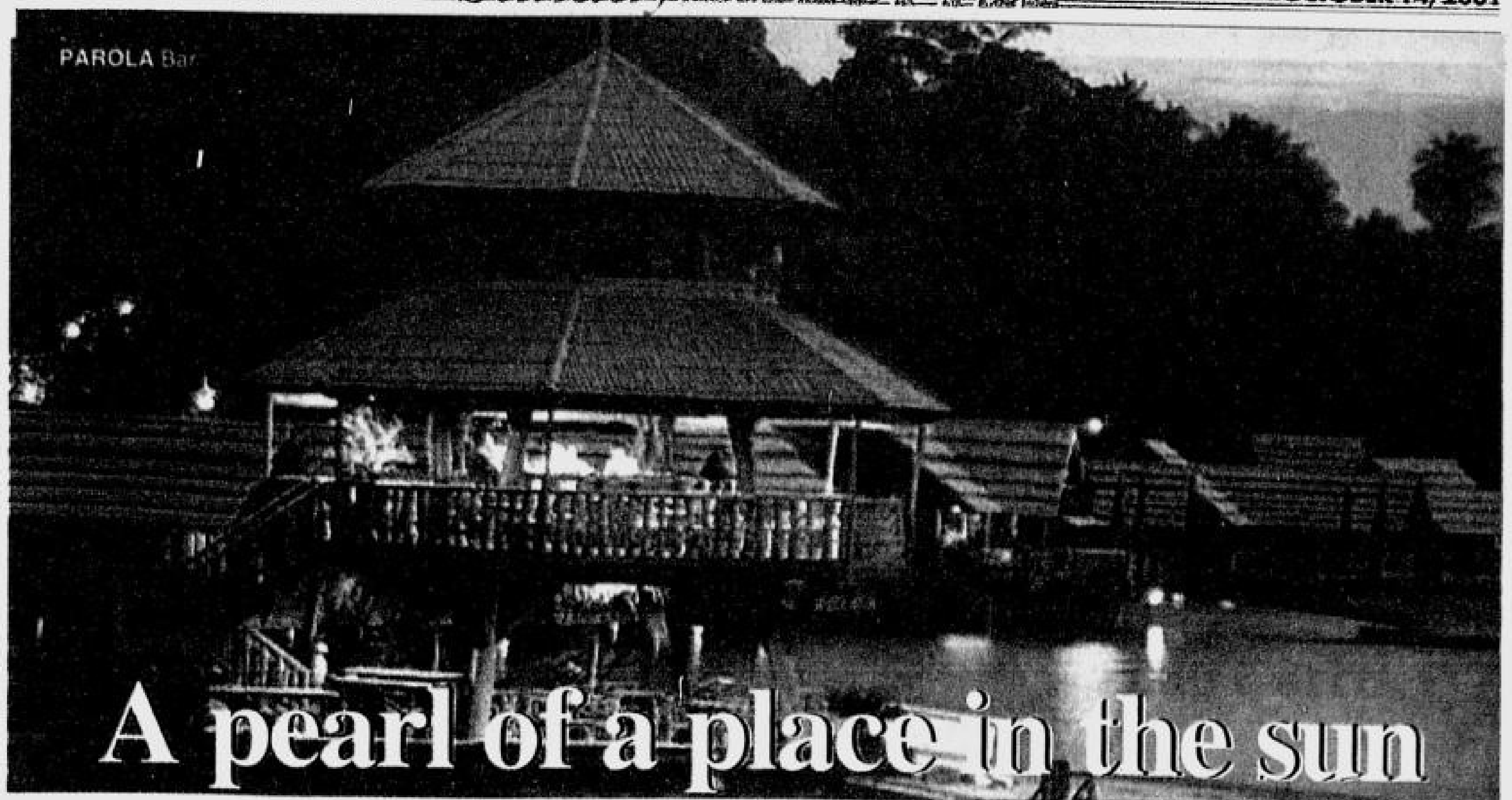
PAROLA Bar

A pearl of a place in the sun

By Belle V. Bondoc

FAMILIES going on vacation need not think hard about where to spend their precious time together.

South of Manila is a perfect place to bind and unwind. Davao City, the premier tourist destination of the south, is about an hour and 25 minutes away by plane from Manila.

Like many others, I was initially reluctant to visit Davao. As our group took the Air Philippines flight at 5 a.m. on a Saturday for the city, I was deeply concerned about our safety. Newspapers carried reports of Abu Sayyaf's activities and the military operations in different parts of Mindanao. Visiting the city for the first time, I was more anxious than the others to learn about the place.

From the famous Waterfront Insular Hotel, we boarded the ferry for the Barcelo Pearl Farm Island Resort on the garden island of Samal, a 45-minute boat ride from the city. The 11-hectare spread was so-named because it was once a pearl farm.

Resort's attractions

The resort began operating in December 1992. In March, Pearl Farm formally became part of the Barcelo Group, a hotel and resort management company established in 1931 and operating mid- to high-end international hotels and resorts all over the world from its corporate base in Majorca, Spain. Barcelo aims to upgrade the resort's existing attractions to provide world-class services and facilities and to make way for new developments.

The Samal Island is one of the country's flagship project areas for tourism in Mindanao under the Philippine Tourism Master Plan of the Department of Tourism (DOT). The department has embarked on an aggressive media and promotional blitz to restore and preserve the patronage of international and domestic tourists and to show the world that the exclusive resort and other tourist destinations in Mindanao are well secured and the guests' safety was given the highest priority.

According to Alex Groizard, Pearl Farm's general manager, the resort conducts training programs that include lectures on emergency dos and don'ts concerning "collective safety measures." As for the maintenance and protection of the entire "water" area, the management, together with the DOT, conducts coastal clean-up every month. It has a special activity called *"scubasurero."* Scuba divers and other volunteers clean and comb the area for waste.

Samal, which has been declared a marine

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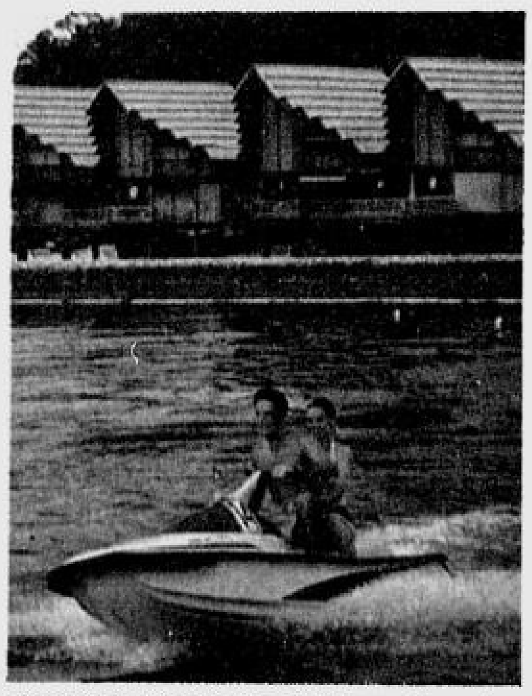
SAMAL houses by the beach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Week Wakers uppers

THE INQUIRER'S Sandy Prieto-Romualdez receives check on behalf of Hands On Manila from makeup artist Patrick Rosas, photographer Jun de Leon and Tiong Ching of Grand C Graphics.

Is Intramuros Administration chief a sacred cow?

COMPILED BY LITO ZULUETA

DESPITE being formally charged in the Sandiganbayan for corruption, **Dominador Ferrer** of the Intramuros Administration (IA) continues to hold office. The Sandiganbayan had issued a warrant for the arrest of Ferrer for leasing out the historic Intramuros walls in violation of government rules, conservation heritage procedures, and the law itself creating the Intramuros Administration. But the official quickly posted bail and went back to office.

Why is Malacañang tolerating Ferrer? Most important, why is Tourism Secretary **Richard Gordon**, the chair of the IA board, not lifting a finger to restore public confidence in the IA by removing Ferrer?

IA employees now feel that Ferrer has cozied up to Gordon, which should explain the IA chief's seeming untouchability. They say Ferrer has the uncanny talent of sycophancy. **Fidel V. Ramos** appointed him to the position on the strength of the recommendation of the previous administrator. When **Joseph Estrada** came to power, he did not resign and was surprisingly reappointed. Since Estrada's ouster, he has not submitted a courtesy resignation to Malacañang, clinging to his post like a leech.

IA employees say they cannot understand why Ferrer still holds on to his seat despite his inability to report to work regularly. They say he only goes to the office two or three times a week and stays there for only two hours to sign papers. It has become a routine for his staff to tell callers that their boss is in a meeting.

Ferrer did not even take a leave of absence when he attended remedial classes in law. A three-time bar flunker, he attended the rigorous classes and took up the last bar exam while still technically reporting for work. So that means while he could hardly do his job, he still received full pay and improved his reserves of leaves.

'Images' of kindness

THE LAUNCHING of "Patrick Rosas Images," the coffee-table book of fantasy looks by makeup master **Patrick Rosas** as captured superbly in photographs by **Jun de Leon**, was not only a celebration of art and fashion. It was also a celebration of magnanimity.

Alexandra "Sandy" Prieto-Romuladez, president of the INQUIRER, found this out for herself. Earlier, she had been asked by Rosas to recommend a charity to where he and his publishers could donate part of the proceeds from the book sales. She recommended Hands on Manila, which, she said, "makes volunteerism easy" for everyone. The group recruits, educates and coordinates a network of volunteers for different community projects in Met-

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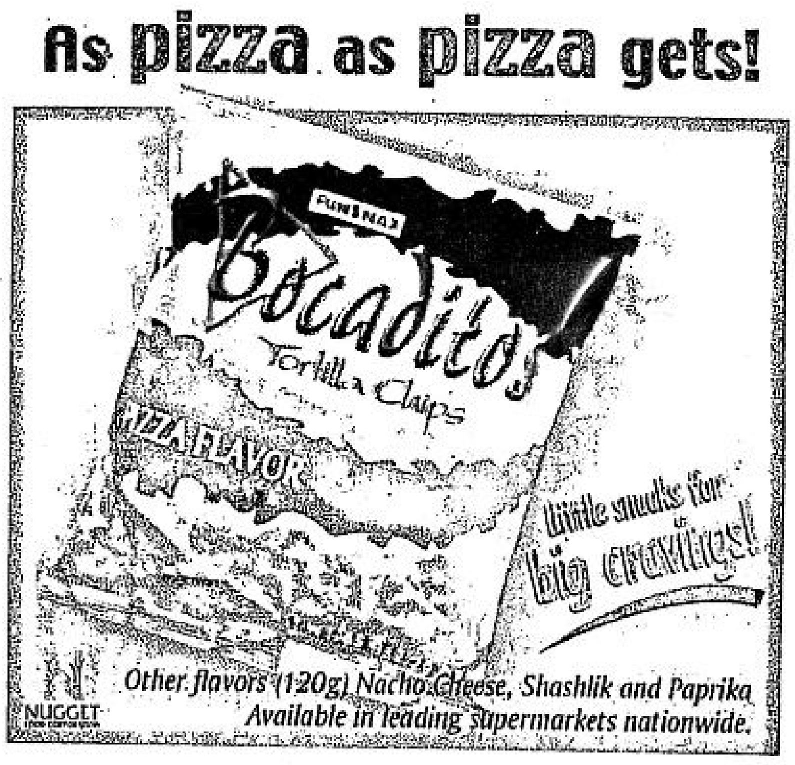
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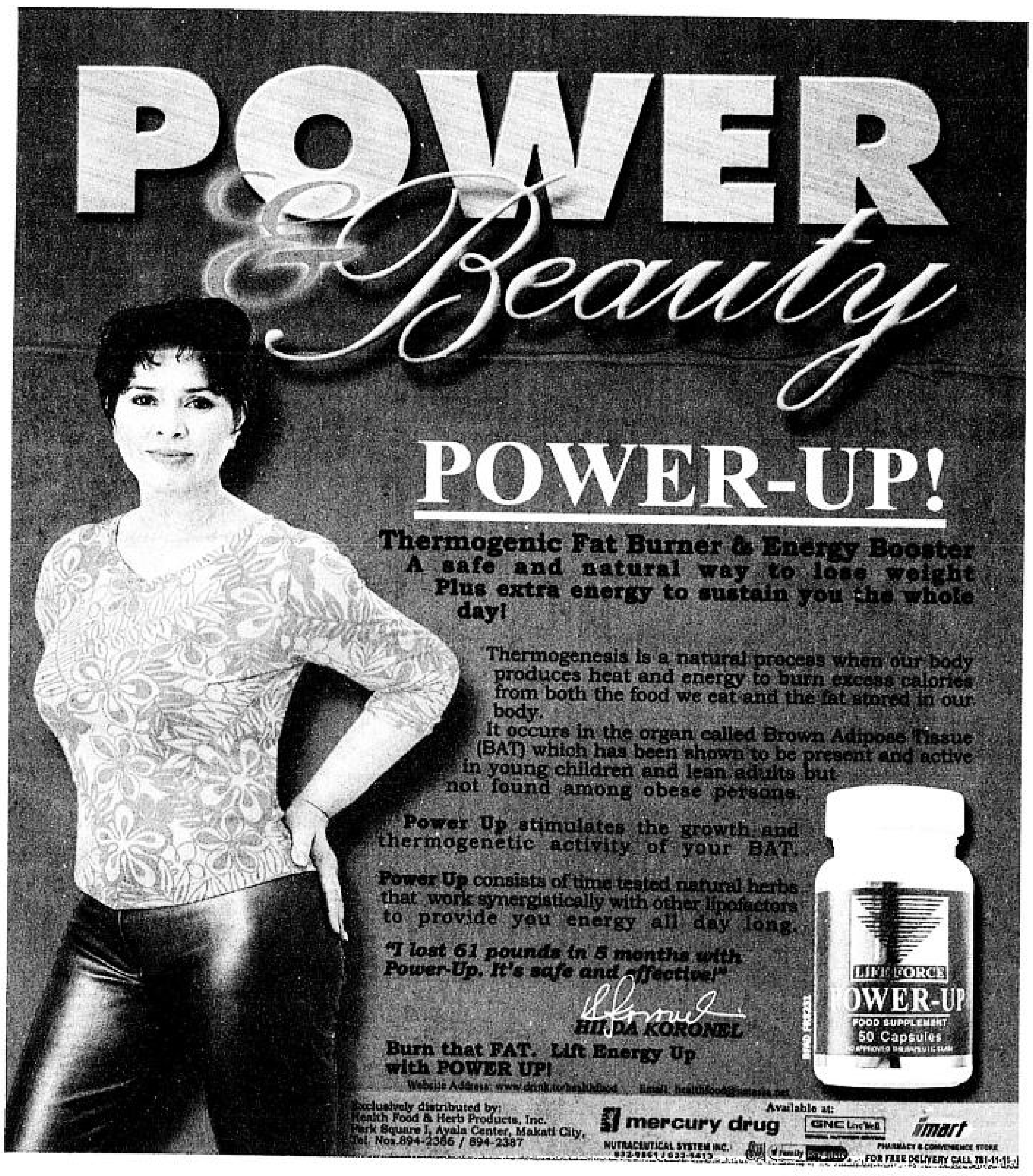
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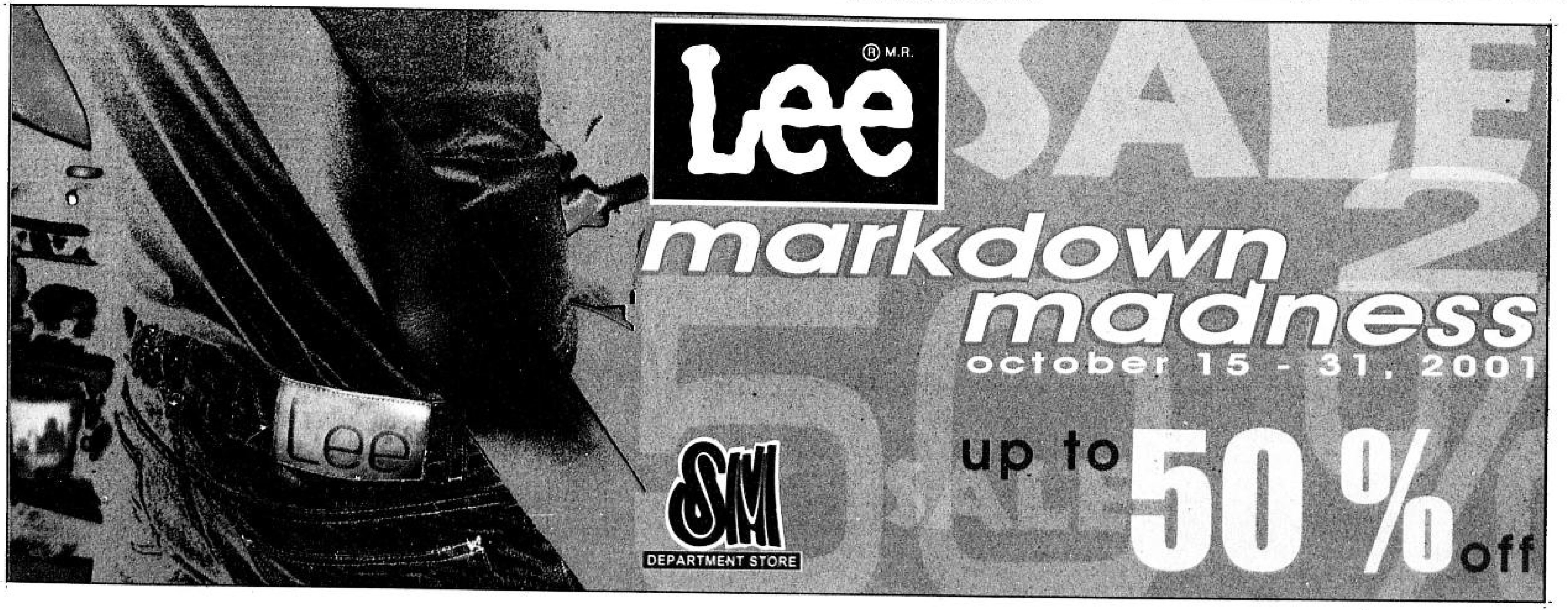
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GE Appliances stages mall-wide exhibit

GE Appliances holds a mall-wide exhibit dubbed, "Go GE, Go Places!" ongoing at the Shangri-La Plaza in Mandaluyong City until Tuesday, Oct. 16. Loyal GE Appliance users now have the chance to check out the latest models from the world-renowned American appliance brand. The event boasts of not just one but seven areas within the mall where the latest GE Appliances will be displayed.

"Unlike before when there were at most 20 products from GE being offered, we now have over 50 products from various product lines. This makes it necessary for us to utilize not just one but several of the mall's premier areas," says Joey Manuel, national sales manager of CYA Industries, office distributor of GE Appliances in the Philippines. "These products are completely built-up, all-imported units. For the theme he adds "we thought it best to correlate the vast product selection with the unprecedented 'globality' of the GE brand." The exhibit areas in the mall represent the world's seven continents.

Mall-goers can expect to see the latest GE refrigerators from the best selling single-door variants to the luxurious side-by-side ones. Expected to draw much attention from the crowd are the latest GE stainless steel refs recently introduced into the market. The latest GE washing machines, air conditioners, microwave ovens, electric ranges and other revolutionary GE products such as the Advantium and the Smartwater dispenser will also be shown.

As an added treat, those who visit the exhibit area can win some goodies. Those who wish to make a purchase may proceed to the Ariston showroom on the fourth level or the Abenson appliance store at the basement where they will get a free premium item as a bonus.

GE Appliances appoints new official Philippine distributor

AMERICA'S most preferred and powerful appliance brand has chosen to continue its business venture in the Philippines. It has, in fact, earmarked a substantial amount of investments for the Philippines in trading, manufacturing, facilities and expansion, to name a few.

The new distributor of GE Appliances in the Philippines is CYA Industries, a freshly incorporated company bringing with it over 36 years of experience in the appliance industry. Simon Wong, GE Appliances Asia president said, "I am very delighted and proud to appoint CYA as our official distributor in the Philippines. Our relationship started early this year when Franklin Chan, general manager of CYA, presented to us an impressive plan to rejuvenate GE Appliances' leadership in the Philippines, as we are looking for a capable hand to take care of our brand."

"With over 36 years of experience in the appliance industry, established infrastructure for trading, manufacturing, service, aggressiveness and mature management team and most important of all, the enthusiasm and commitment to our brand, make us believe that CYA is the right partner to grow our business together in the Philippines," Wong added.

GE and CYA are heralding their union through a grand re-launch on Oct. 16, 2001, 7:30 p.m. at the Edsa Shangri-La Plaza Hotel.

CYA is bringing in the widest range of GE's product lines yet since the brand was introduced in the early 1960s. Aside from its full cold line, ranging from the best-selling single-door refrigerators to the upright freezers, GE-CYA also offers electric ranges, washing machines, dryers, air conditioners, water dispensers and ovens. The alliance also marks the first time that the top-of-the-line GE refrigerators will be actively marketed in the Philippines. This includes the US-style side-by-side, stainless top mount and side-by-side stainless refrigerators.

Initially, all products will be completely built up units from abroad. Engr. Nuel Galilo, service head of CYA in charge of GE Appliance adds, "Servicing will be provided by our network of authorized service centers nationwide." The spare parts are readily available as there is an automated link between CYA and GE Appliances' Global Parts Center in Louisville, Kentucky. The service office of GE Appliances is a consumer welfare desk recognized by the DTI. True to GE's reputation of being concerned about total customer satisfaction, this marks the first time that an American appliance brand is getting such distinction.

CYA Industries Inc.'s main office and warehouse are located at 103 Mercedes Ave., Barangay San Miguel, Pasig City with tel. no. 643-3456 and fax no. 641-8754. It has branch offices in Cebu, Davao and Cagayan de Oro cities as well as a second plant in the Laguna Industrial International Park (LIIP).

MESSAGES

IT IS WITH pleasure that I greet the men and women of the GE Appliances-CYA on the re-launch and renewed presence of the company in the country.

This indeed is a very inspiring occasion for it is a vote of confidence for the potentials and resiliency of the Philippine economy. In the same manner, it recognizes our efforts to improve the business environment and make in conducive to sustained growth. We hope that your return as an active player in the home and consumer appliance sector will be the start of a fruitful and lasting relationship founded on providing only the best choices for our people at reasonable costs.

On this momentous occasion, may you recommit yourselves to the highest standards of quality, innovation and service that have always characterized the GE family. Let your partnership and combined strengths be your edge in re-establishing yourselves in the industry.

Again, welcome and *mabuhay kayong lahat!*

GMArroyo
GLORIA MACAPAGAL-ARROYO
President
Republic of the Philippines

CONGRATULATIONS to GE Appliances and CYA Industries!

The partnership between "America's Most Admired Company" and CYA Industries can only be described as synergy in motion.

Filipinos stand to benefit from the continuing presence of GE in this country as it will mean more quality products which, in the long-term, translate into a better economy and higher quality of living.

We thank you for your continued commitment and renewed confidence in the Philippine economy and the Filipino spirit.

Mabuhay!

MICHAEL T. DEFENSOR
Chairman
Housing and Urban Development Coordinating Council

IT IS WITH utmost enthusiasm that I convey my warmest felicitations to the officers and employees of CYA Industries, the appointed official distributor of General Electric appliances for the re-launching of America's no. 1 appliance brand in the Philippines.

General Electric has been, even for its relative silence for a number of years, the favorite brand of Filipinos when choosing heavy-duty appliances. World-renowned for their durability and fulfilling the varying needs of the consumers, GE appliances have become synonymous for quality workmanship and excellence.

With the economic crunch gripping the region and the world today, the intention of General Electric to renew its presence in the country only signals the revived confidence the Philippines has garnered in recent time. With General Electric—the world's most admired company—leading the way, investments and renewed interest in the Philippine market will surely follow.

Finally, as the father of this city, I am extremely proud that Mandaluyong was chosen to become a part of this momentous event. As we play host to the gathering of cheers to the aggressive return of GE appliances in the market, I extend my thanks to CYA Industries for complementing the prestige and significance of this occasion by making the right choice of choosing Mandaluyong City—Philippine's center for trade, commerce, and exhibition—as venue for the re-launching. Rest assured Mandaluyong will be one of the regions welcoming earnestly GE's renewed commitment to the Philippine market.

BENJAMIN C. ABALOS JR.
Mayor
City of Mandaluyong

CYA Industries is the result of over 35 years of knowledge and experience in the appliance industry. It upholds generations-old commitment and endless dedication to provide appliances with the best quality and the latest technology for the Filipino household.

What then would be a more fitting brand to champion than GE Appliances, America's most powerful and reliable appliance brand. In the Philippines, as in the U.S., the GE brand has become synonymous to durability and innovation, making the Filipino's lifestyle more comfortable.

We are therefore proud to be associated with such a brand and company. Thomas Alva Edison sparked this legacy that would forever change the lives of everyone. Edison's dedication to discovery shall be the battle cry of CYA Industries as it explores ways to provide better products for Filipinos.

CHAN YEC-AN
Chairman
CYA Industries Inc.

AN OLD adage tells us that in every crisis there is an opportunity. This could not be any truer than now.

At a time when uncertainty is in the air, CYA Industries is at the forefront of business development in the Philippines. Together with GE Appliances, America's most preferred appliance brand, it confidently carries through its venture in appliance trading, manufacturing, facilities and expansion when most others would probably question the prospect of returns.

It is then with great pride and pleasure that we form this alliance with America's Most Admired Company. We are confident and optimistic that this momentous undertaking, obstacles notwithstanding, will result in the improvement of Filipino livelihood as well as the quality of their lives.

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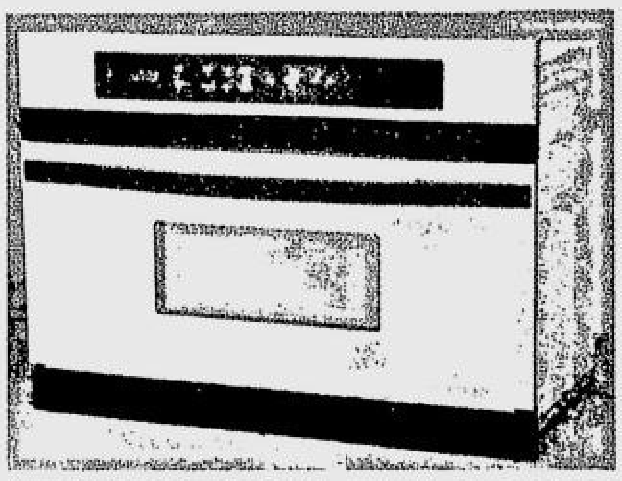
THE revolutionary Advantium Oven cooks oven-quality meals up to eight times faster than a conventional oven.



THE new GE Advantium Oven stainless steel model.

IMAGINE the convenience of preparing great-tasting food in less time than it takes to go out and buy "carry-out." How about a perfectly broiled strip steak, grill seared and delicious in just seven minutes; or a whole roasted chicken, golden outside, moist and tender inside in just 25 minutes; or a plump fried chicken, crisp and ready to eat, only five minutes after you've taken it from the freezer.

Now, you don't have to imagine. As part of the vision to help consumers live better, easier lives, GE Appliances introduces the revolutionary Advantium oven with Speedcook technology. On the average, Advantium cooks oven-quality meals one-fourth of the time of conventional ovens. It bakes, broils, grills, and roasts—all with no pre-heating.

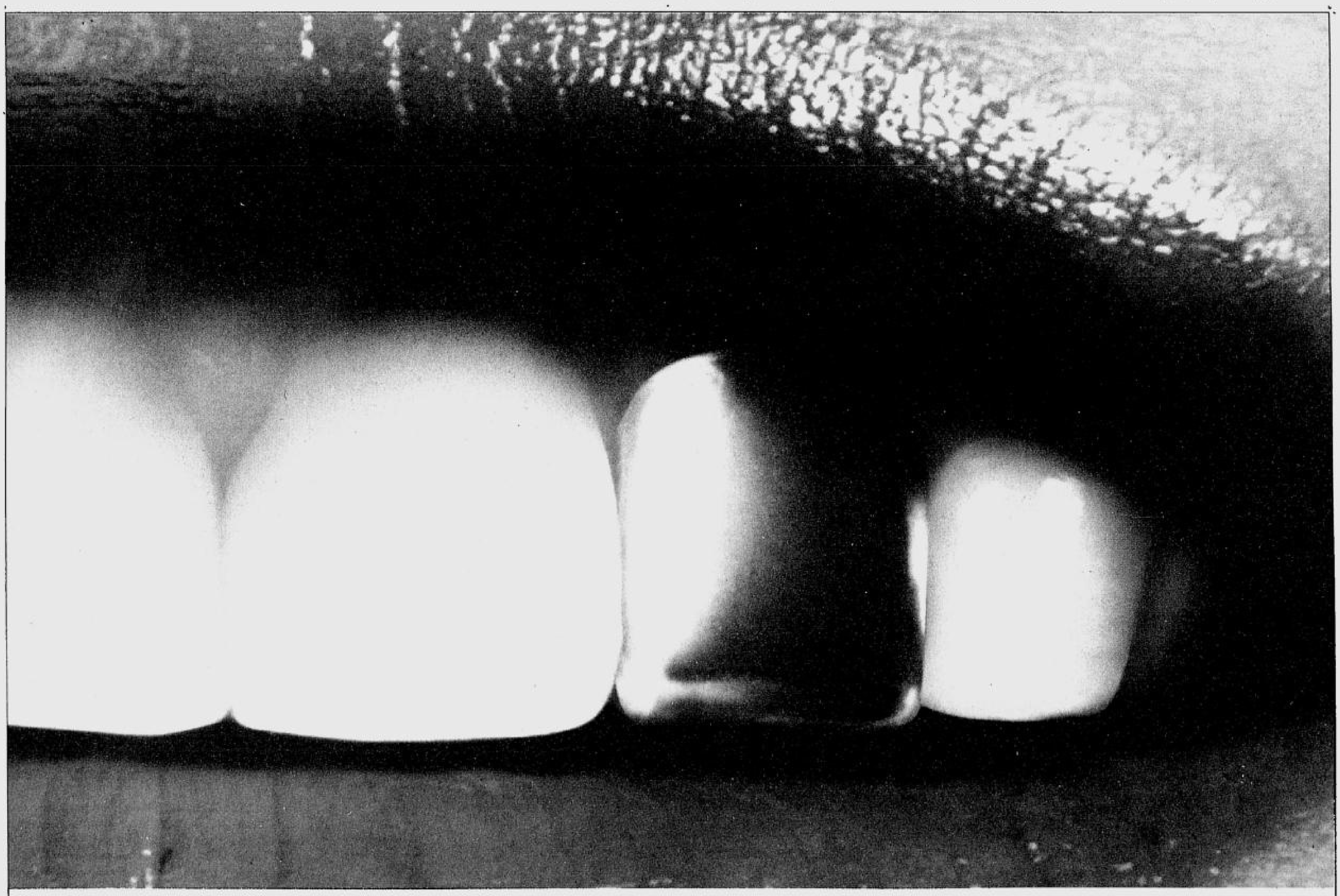
In most households today, dinner is not decided on until after 4 p.m. But after years of research, GE has developed a breakthrough technology for the way households live. The innovative Advantium uses powerful halogen lights to cook oven-quality food up to eight times faster than a conventional oven. By harnessing the power of light, this breakthrough invention cooks the outside of food much like a conventional radiant heat, but also penetrates the surface so the inside is cooked at the same time. As a result, food cooks evenly and so fast that the natural moisture is retained.

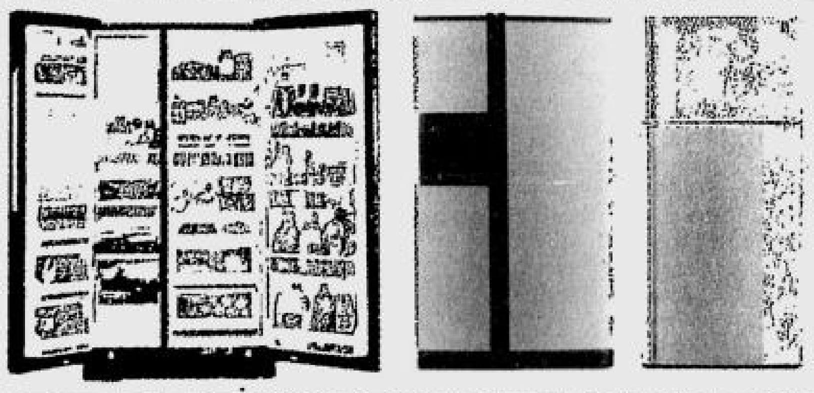
Unlike traditional ovens, the Advantium oven delivers scrumptious, oven-quality food in minutes at the touch of a button. Designed for speed and simplicity of use, the Advantium oven comes pre-programmed with over a hundred popular recipes. It has a multi-function selector dial that combines a turn-and-tap function for selecting food and programming. The easy to read electronic display takes you through the cooking options, and you can even customize and save your favorite recipe. The interior of the GE Advantium Oven is designed for easy cleaning because it is made of non-porous stainless steel.

GE created the speedcook category and introduced the first generation Advantium oven in 1999. The first Advantium ovens were configured to fit over a cooktop, range or counter. The second generation Advantium wall oven was introduced in 2000. These ovens remain the fastest in the industry. Now, households can spend more time enjoying meals with their family and less time in the kitchen.

The innovative GE Advantium Oven has received the 2001 American Building Products Award from Home Magazine. Since its introduction in October 1999 the oven has won numerous awards for its advanced technology and its ability to give people the opportunity to cook oven quality food in a time and manner suitable to their hectic lifestyles.

Basic Advertising congratulates the newest couple in town, GE and CYA Industries.





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ro Manila.

Much to the surprise of Sandy, during the launching, even before proceeds from the sale could be accounted, she was presented with a check of P300,000 in the name of the foundation. The touching gesture, she said, would go a long way in helping the foundation promote volunteerism and charity to alleviate conditions in Metro Manila.

Gretchen wins new fan

SHE may have retired from show business but **Gretchen Barreto**, Pantene Shampoo's image model, has won a new fan: **Robbie Carmona**. The actress surprised the fashion director by attending rehearsals for a Pantene show. Robbie explained Gretchen did not have to rehearse, but she insisted on doing it just to ease the preparations for the show.

Weight loss, weight risk

THIS portly actress has recently separated from her husband and is in an apparent hurry to get back into shape and into show business. So she

GRETCHEN Barreto with the fabulous hair is back.

? is taking a crash course in weight management that is yielding fantastic results. She is losing many pounds by the week. The problem is that she may lose more money than she can ever earn if she makes a successful show-biz homecoming. It is said she has agreed to pay her doctor P5,000 for every pound lost. Worse, the weight loss system relies on a medication that has serious side effects, like heart ailment and brain damage.

Starting 'em young

AT THE MIRIAM College Child Studies Center, it is characteristic of students to hold their birthdays with their classmates. But since the administration bans nonbiodegradables, Jollibee, which usually caters the parties, has learned its lesson. Instead of bringing food packed in Styrofoam boxes, it now prepares its staples on food trays and its drinks in jugs. The parents of the celebrators just rent dining utensils from the canteen. This way, children learn early the practical care of the environment.

FREE SPEECH

No, no, not Soho

IT has come to our attention that certain unscrupulous PR practitioners are using the name of one of our talents, **Jessica Soho**, on a photo release they want printed. We are particularly referring to a photo release by a burger company sent to **Francine Medina**, Lifestyle Section editor of Today, with a marginal note supposedly signed by Soho addressed to Francine and saying, "Please, thanks and regards."

It was a good thing that Medina called Soho to inquire if the photo release indeed came from or was endorsed by the latter. Soho denied having signed or sent the release, though she was the guest of honor during the opening of the burger joint.

We would therefore like to caution media offices to disregard any photo releases purportedly signed by Soho as she is in no way involved in the placement of these.

(Sgd.) PEACHY VIBAL-GUIOGUIO
Senior press liaison, GMA 7

Why are we paying more for Philhealth?

THIS complaint was originally sent to the Presidential Chief of Staff, lawyer **Renato Corona**, on April 16. But up to now I have received no reply from him.

Since Mr. Corona failed to answer my letter complaint, I deemed it wise to course it through you. It is my desire to have this complaint be addressed to Sen. **Edgardo Angara**. I understand the good senator is the author of Republic Act 7875 or the National Health Insurance Act.

My complaint is this: By virtue of RA 7875, the Medicare Program was devolved from the Social Security System (SSS) to Philippine Health Insurance Corp. (Philhealth). When the Medicare was under the SSS, the monthly premium contribution for individually paying members (IPMs) like fishermen, farmers, vendors, overseas Filipino workers was only P25 a month. However, when Philhealth took over the Medicare Program, it drastically increased the premium contribution to P100.

When Medicare for the private sector was handled by the SSS, the P25 monthly contribution was never increased despite increases in Medicare benefits. By virtue of these benefit increases, SSS members enjoyed higher Medicare benefits than GSIS members. For this reason, President Fidel Ramos ordered the Department of Budget and Management, GSIS and Philhealth to find ways to equalize the Medicare benefits of the GSIS members with those of the SSS members.

To allow the exorbitant and untimely increases will make a mockery of Article XIII Section II of the Constitution, which mandates that health and other social services be available to all people at affordable cost. Likewise it will defeat the very intent of RA 7875, which provides Philhealth with a hefty P2 billion as seed money.

Why Philhealth failed to match or maintain the actuarial savvy of the SSS in handling the Medicare program is a big puzzle to us SSS members.

In behalf of the several thousands of adversely affected IPMs of Philhealth, I fervently hope this will reach the attention of Senator Angara.

(Sgd.) JOSE M. PASTORIN JR.
G. Zaratan Street, Pogomboa Aguilar,
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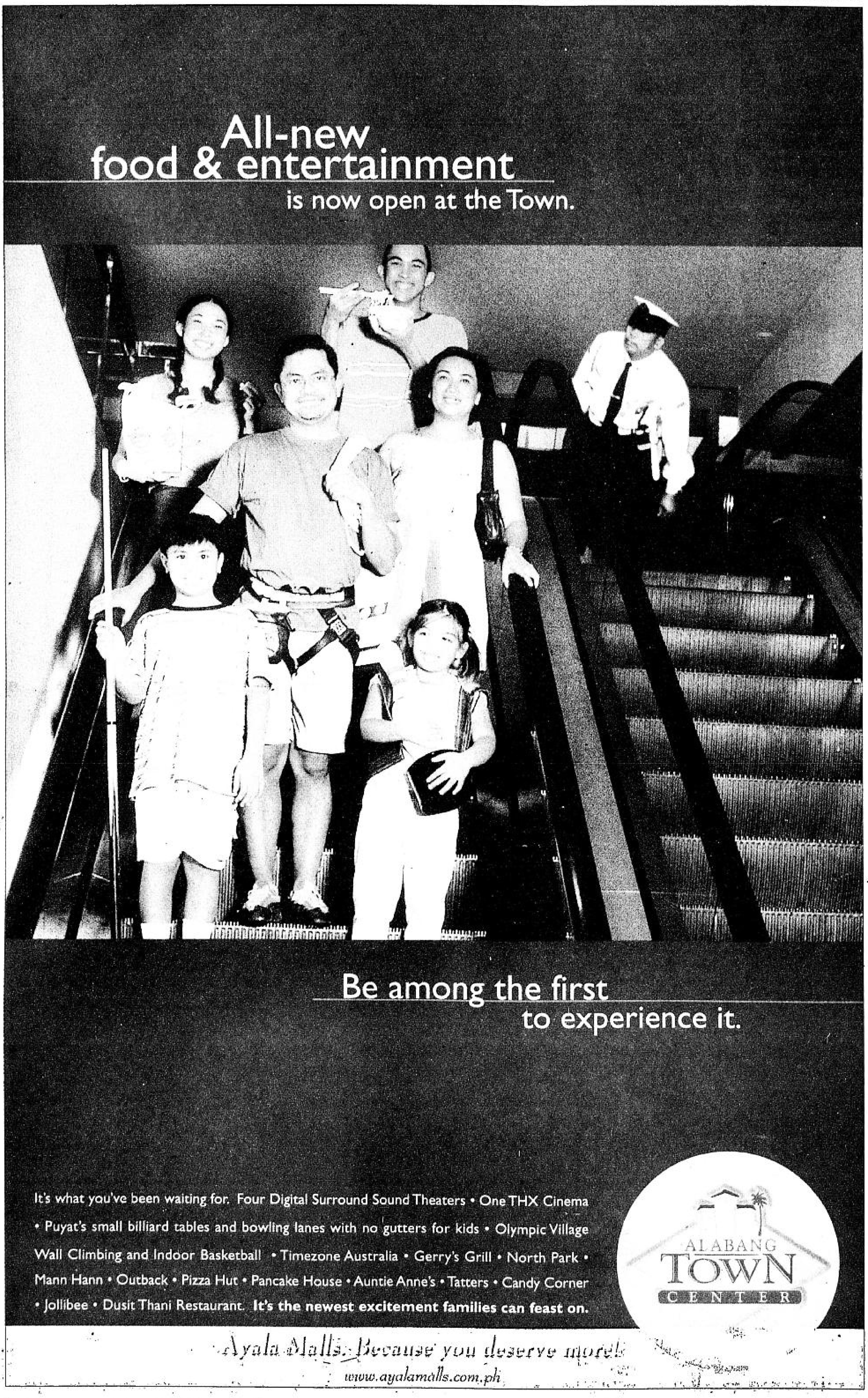
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And if that's not enough, get top entertainment when you go wall climbing or play indoor basketball at Olympic Village. Or play the coolest video games and win awesome prizes at Timezone Australia.

Last but not least, every kid's a winner when you take them to Puyat Bowling and Billiards. Aside from our regular tables, we've got small billiard tables for the young ones to play on. And we're also introducing bumper bowling, the first-ever kid-friendly lanes that come without gutters.

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Gasp! They didn't wear a Rajo or an Inno!

By Anton San Diego

MUST-GO-TO fashion boutique. Set to be the ultimate boutique in downtown hip, Itsie-Bitsie, a brainchild of the pretty and fashionable **Ines Delgado,** opens its doors on Oct. 18, at 6:30 p.m. The clothes are a combination of "Sex & the City," London glam and Soho chic. The labels come from Australia such as Zimmerman, Tigerlily, Rebecca Davies, Sass and Bide (Sarah Jessica Parker's fave).

The boutique, which will also have swimwear and fashion accessories, is for those who favor more flirty, fun, bohemian clothes. Itsie-Bitsie is at 1755 M. Adriatico St., Malate.

What to wear to a gala fashion show. I have had the privilege in the last two weeks of watching **Rajo Laurel**'s and **Inno Sotto**'s fashion shows. As an INQUIRER article said last Friday, the shows were not so much about what models wore as what members of the audience donned. Both shows were great! I love the fact that Rajo took his creativity to a new level. He is not a designer capable only of doing wedding gowns and beaded dresses. His design skill and talent are as vast as his imagination. Inno's designs and concept for his show were just as exquisite.

Now I come to my point, I asked several ladies attending the shows what they were wearing and was quite shocked that they wore other designers. As in everything there must be a sufficient excuse why the ladies chose what they wore. Even the President wore a **Joe Salazar** to Inno's show, but I feel (and this is just my thinking dear, don't raise your eyebrows too much, it's a Sunday) that when a designer has a show, I think it's appropriate and in good taste for the ladies in the audience to support that designer not only by their presence but by what they wear.

Abroad you will never go to an Armani show in a Versace, or a Prada show in a Gucci. That's an insult to the designer. It should be done here as well. If women wear foreign labels, I guess that's fine. But somehow, wearing a competing designer makes too much of a statement or may be deemed controversial. The fact is that both shows were invitational. Courtesy requires that at the very least the guests wear the designers' creations.

I am not sure what designers feel about this. They may or may not care. I have not asked for their opinions. If I were in their shoes it would be nice to know that my guests wear my creation, especially if they are friends. You can lower your eyebrows now. So what will you be wearing to **Rhett Eala**'s show?

Diary of Constance Brooke San Lorenzo vda de Pendelton. This week our favorite ex-Mare and socialite gets more letters from her adoring fans. Will they finally get help or run for the bottle? Read on.

Dear Constance, I am a high-ranking official in the government who needs a change of image—fast! My enemies have accused me of plunder, money laundering, kidnapping, etc. How can I change my image so people will like me? I salute you, PONG

Darling Pong, over the years, I have learned that where there's smoke there's fire. For instance, NO ONE has ever accused me of the crimes you have just listed. If you are in fact guilty, even the most gifted spin-doctors will not be able to help you. The last truly big miracle I can think of was Moses parting the Red Sea—and to help you would be a miracle bigger than that. So my humble suggestion (please don't kill me in case you take this the wrong way) is that you come clean, retire from public life and devote the rest of your life to good works. If you are who I think you are, the alleged loot should be more than ample to fund one million foundations. Now think of all the grace that will bring you in the afterlife. You might even find redemption in this one.

P.S. If you're looking for a charity, you can always write me a cheque!

Dear Mrs. Pendelton, I recently won a million pesos from Christopher de Leon's game show. What do I do with the money? Place it in a bank, invest or spend it? Thanks, Ethel

Darling Ethel, Or should I call you my new best friend? Just kidding. By all means spend it! Easy come, easy go. Seriously though, early this week, I found that I had dark rings around my eyes from staying up late every night to watch CNN and in constant gastric discomfort because I was so worried about the state of the world in general and my children's safety in particular (they are both in NY). I was one unhappy puppy. Then I thought about what President Bush said about living your life normally and spending to support the economy. Well, it dawned on me then that the best way to thumb our noses down at those horrible terrorists was to go out and stimulate the economy—by shopping! I don't know what got into me but I bought a new car and shoes (Jimmy Choo, what else) and art and clothes (from Inno's gorgeous new collection) and jewelry. I spent a lot of money and felt good about it. But I wasn't stupid—for the first time in my life, I took out an auto loan. I figure, if the world does go to war, the bank can just repossess my car while I keep my cash!

Think about it, people. The world's economy is slowing down because people are uncertain about the future and therefore they are not spending. This produces a downward spiral (yes, I watch CNBC) as businesses lay off people—which only produces more uncertainty and on and on. So, if you want to do something about those loser terrorists, you don't have to know how to use a gun. Just go out and stimulate that economy! And employers—if this happens—do your part and stop laying off people!

Let's get off our collective butts. So Ethel, go out and be a hero.

Dear C, This is your grade school classmate, Nina. I can't believe you are writing in the newspaper these days. Have you no shame? Didn't Reed leave you with enough that you resort to such foolishness. Didn't the good nuns teach us that media is evil! And how can you divulge your dirty laundry in public (and, honey, I know they are dirty!), telling people of your alcohol dependency, penchant for young boys. Shame, shame, shame! Appalled, Nina

Darling Nina, Since you withheld your address I can only guess that you now live in Kabul and have joined the Taliban. I don't recall the good nuns teaching us anything about media being evil. The only evil I can see is the evil you are blabbering about, which sounds suspiciously like the B.S. being propagated by that misogynist, oppressive, holier-than-thou, freedom-hating bunch of weirdo losers.

Moreover, Reed left me with more than ample amounts of cash. Not that he needed to, because Mummy and Daddy more than took care of that. I don't write because I need the money. I write because I adore the idea of freedom of the press, a freedom which you obviously have trouble with. As to alcohol dependency, I certainly wouldn't call it that. My doctors at the Betty Ford Clinic prefer to call it "a propensity toward substance abuse" and besides, it's a medical necessity to survive these troubled times. As to my penchant for younger men—well, darling, it's obvious you haven't gotten it in a long time (if ever). If you had, you would know that 20 goes into 40 a lot easier than 40 into 20. Do the math.

Well, I just dug up my old yearbook and I remember you now. NO ONE wanted to be your friend because you were so mousy and so ugly. Weren't you one of those types eager to erase the blackboard and inhale all that chalk dust? Honey, all I can say is that you were unhappy then and I can see you're still unhappy now! Anybody who can write that sort of letter has got to be one BIG LOSER. If you have in fact joined the Taliban, all I can say is that while many women there wear the chador for modesty, I'm sure you wear it to HIDE your ugly face and body! I, on the other hand, look great. I wouldn't say hi to you then and I certainly won't say hi to you now.

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INES Delgado

GREAT FINDS AT ITSIE-BITSIE. Cotton denim flare bleach jeans from Kitten and caramel-colored, flowered top from Rebecca Davies

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Global Beauty at G4

Glorietta IV, Ayala Center was the ideal setting for L'OREAL PHILIPPINES first ever GLOBAL BEAUTY event. Catering to diverse markets, both L'Oreal and Glorietta had something to offer consumers from all walks of life including designer fragrances and European clothing for fashionistas to affordable home hair color and home accessories for housewives.

The month-long event began with a stopover in NEW YORK, the capital of urban chic and home to All-American beauty leaders like MAYBELLINE cosmetics and RALPH LAUREN fragrance. Next stop on the itinerary: PARIS, a city renowned for hip elegance and sophisticated beauty. Consumers were invited to sample services by Paris trained beauty experts from L'Oreal Paris, Kerastase and Garnier. The third port of call was MILAN where classic Italian simplicity was interpreted into the latest modern luxe looks. The last stop takes us back to ASIA where L'Oreal Professionel brings you the Philippines best with COLOR TROPHY winner and finalists for an all-out color filled beauty extravaganza of hair color, make-up, and styling possibilities.

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Global Beauty allowed consumers firsthand knowledge of how to maximize their personal good looks. Twenty somethings were treated to nail art from RALPH, delicious Haagen Dazs ice cream, and body tattoos from Emporio Armani's newest his and her fragrance EA WHITE. Thirty somethings were given a rainbow of hair color options with fun colors like "divine mango" from fruity home hair color of GARNIER PARIS and the more subtle L'OREAL PARIS hair coloration to highlight their crowning glories. The sophisticated over forty crowd got make- up and anti-aging skin care tips from skin care experts at LANCOME. If that did not have your beauty cup runneth over, there was hair and scalp analysis from KERASTASE and free styling from L'Oreal stylists.

REAL WORLD MODELS

Francis Quinones and his creative team from PIANDRE salon spearheaded the hair and styling for the Global fashion show putting a lot of time and creative imagination into the tailor-made "FIL-WORLD BEAUTY LOOKS" a hybrid of beauty looks from every fashion capital combined with your typical Philippine features. Quinones says, "Its really more about personal style—one day you want to look like a rock star with big hair and glitter and other days you want that feminine "fresh girl next door look"— with a little paint and hair color anything is possible." Be your preferred look "punk rock" with tongue rings and black leather to "classic" in pearls and pastels Global Beauty had something for everyone. Capturing the latest runway looks and transforming it to wearable Filipino chic from New York, Paris, Italy and Asia through live transformations with performance styling and onstage makeovers. The month long glamourama concluded with an interactive show where real life people dressed up in U of Rustan's urban gear to capture the true essence of global spirit. "Its taking fashion out of the runways and into the streets or in this case the malls— we chose models based on their unique personal styles and attitude add some shimmer and sparkle to make it a show..." says Dennis Torre de Palma of SAGA productions. "For this show the objective was approachable and real beauty—we want to seduce/excite people into experimenting with their looks not intimidate/push them to do "gold eye shadow or copper hair" because its the trend, after all—beauty should ultimately be fun and not tortuous!", says Leica Carpo, L'Oreal Philippines PR.

Lancôme Chic golden girl glamour

BESTSELLERS

At L'oreal we realize that for a brand to succeed it needs to be innovative, effective, and cosmetic. Best-selling products succeed because they make you look and feel good. After all who can call slathering on a heavy coat of face cream that smells like old socks a pampering experience? Or worse apply a lipstick that feels and tastes like day-old wax? Hence the creation that inspired Lancome to create Hydra Zen a face cream that despite its serious effectivity feels as light on your face as freshly whipped cream to L'Oreal's ROUGE VIRTUALE a weightless lip stick infused with amazing color. As a whole L'Oreal spends a sizable amount of its income in creating beauty innovations that answer and in some cases even anticipate a consumer's needs. From L'OREAL JET SET nail color that dries in 60 seconds to L'Oreal Professionels HAIR SPA in a Jar. Keeping up with today's consumer especially in any economic climate is what gives a brand staying power. Hence the genius of a brand like Maybelline which is not only affordable but trendy. Its hold on the top spot is based on its simple objective of "modern practical beauty at a practical price" this is a philosophy that suits a majority of today's women. A shimmering example of Maybelline's success is its best selling lipstick range WATERSHINE in "GINGER ICE TEA" this is a product that sold like hot cakes locally and has women of all ages and income brackets stocking up by the dozen not only in the Philippines but throughout ASIA. Another case in point is MAYBELLINE'S undisputed "mascara supremacy", in the USA alone a Maybelline mascara is sold every four minutes. To succeed in the highly competitive beauty industry you have to offer more than "hope in a jar" you must give the consumer —a dream that actually works. As the world's biggest beauty conglomerate L'Oreal invests no small change to create brands that appeal to both upscale and aspirational markets the worldover.

Karla Ermita showing Armani white attitude

WATCH the winners... First Daughter Luli Macapagal Arroyo, shown here with Tessie Luz

BEA Zobel

MOM-TO-BE (again) Mikee Cojuangco, shown here with husband Dudot Jaworski

ROBERT Mananquil, shown being awarded his Swatch by Virgie Ramos, who is in a black Yohii Yamamoto.

Timely march down the red carpet

Photos by Mandy Navasero

SOMETHING timely and wonderful took place during "Inno Sotto on Red Carpet" recently at the Edsa Shangri-La Hotel.

On the way to the cocktail and ballroom areas, guests were welcomed to the Alexandro Mendini-designed Swatch booth mounted by Gift Gate's Virgie Ramos.

Former First Lady Ming Ramos came with daughter Jo and was asked to draw a rolled paper from the Swatch bowl. She won a Swatch! She was particularly delighted because, as she told Virgie, "I never win anything!" When it was presidential daughter Luli Macapagal-Arroyo's turn to pick a prize, she, too, won a Swatch!

This set the ball rolling. Bea Zobel, wife of Swatch Philippine Centennial designer Jaime Zobel de Ayala, came with her daughters Sofia, Cristina and Monica plus daughters-in-law Lizzie and Kitkat. They all won.

Other winners were seven-month pregnant Swatch lady Mikee Cojuangco, fashion icon Lulu Tan-Gan, Clara Sevilla, Josefina Juanero and Robert Mananquil.

It was then that the crowd started to get thick and excited. Everybody wanted to win a Swatch, a brand that can hold its own amid the grandeur and pomp of that special fashion night.

When the show started, the opening ensemble was the daytime collection, which featured a red linen suit matched with a red double-strap Swatch Irony. Inno's open necklines were emphasized with the latest Swatch Bijoux Prismatic with the cross pendants.

Another fashion statement made by Inno—the double wrap-around belt for the male models—was matched with the double-strap Swatch Skin and Swatch Irony Leather Collection.

Male models wore the Swatch Irony whose strap doubled as a bracelet (Zoren Legaspi wore a Swatch Amarantine).

Not to be outdone, the designer of the moment himself wore a Skin Irony Chrono, whose latest endorser is basketball superstar Shaquille O'Neal.

Virgie Ramos beamed happily right next to Philippine Daily Inquirer's Marixi Prieto and the publisher's two daughters, Sandy Prieto-Romualdez and Tessa Prieto-Valdez, who was wearing the very latest fashionable statement from Swatch: yellow, lavender and pink silicon cubes, light as air Swatch Bijoux necklace, bracelet and earrings.

Judging by the standing ovations given to Inno at the end of the show, he did it again. So did the most wanted watch that evening.

> Like Inno Sotto, Swatch deserves a standing ovation

LIZZIE Zobel

SOFIA Zobel Elizalde

LULU Tan-Gan

KITKAT Zobel

FORMER First Lady Ming Ramos

TINA Monzon Palma

RICKY Reyes

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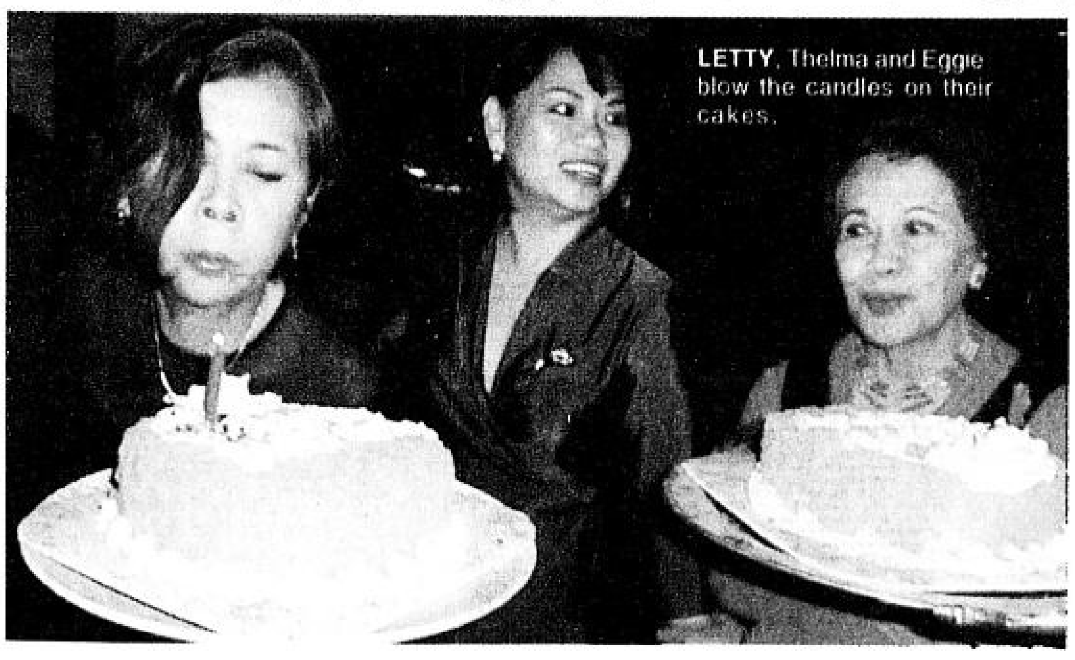

LETTY, Thelma and Eggie blow the candles on their cakes.

RAUL Marcelo and Corrie Narisma

MARIXI Prieto and Gina de Venecia

JEENA Lopez and Tessa Valdes

DONDI Alikpala and Lawrence Tan

Women on top

TEESAW

Raul Teehankee

EUGENIA Apostol, Letty Magsanoc and **Thelma San Juan** are three of the most respected women in Philippine journalism who, since they were born on the same month, usually celebrate their birthdays together. Last Oct. 7, the trio got together again and treated friends to a sumptuous dinner at Quezon City's most exclusive restaurant, 9501, at the ABS-CBN building.

Letty and Thelma would be the first to say they could not hold a candle to Eggie, a publishing legend. True enough, Thelma said the event was really to fete Eggie, who had just been given a lifetime achievement award by the Asian Institute of Journalism for her crusade for democracy and press freedom.

It was a night of scintillating talk, great food and impromptu performances. **Conrad de Quiros** played the guitar while **Ma-an Hontiveros** belted out a '60s song. ABS-CBN honcho **Freddie Garcia** sang a love song to his beautiful wife **Gloria**, and ended it with a kiss. **Dondi Alikpala** sang a duet with **Lawrence Tan**. Admiring it all were **Manolo Lopez** and **Connie Lopez.**

LYDIA Castillo and Violeta Roco

EDUCATION Secretary Raul Roco

CONRAD de Quiros and Ma-an Hontiveros do a duet

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The Eton way

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KEATE HOUSE. A typical boys' house or what is known in America as a dormitory

ing a bound copy of the poem "Elegy in a Country Churchyard" by Thomas Gray, himself an Old Etonian.

Paying students are called "oppidans" from the Latin word *oppidum*, meaning town, dating from when the school first opened where paying students had to live in town. There are also 70 King's scholars called "collegers" or "tugs," from the Latin word *togati* (those wearing togas) who are distinguished by the gowns they wear. All boys wear the uniform with tailcoat, which looks like what Americans would classify as "white tie" or tails—hip-length dark jacket with knee-length tails at the back, white shirt, white bow tie, white waistcoat (vest) over striped trousers. Tailcoats are worn at all times—lessons, chapel services, lunch (that's dinner to you and me)—except on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday afternoons, which are sports periods.

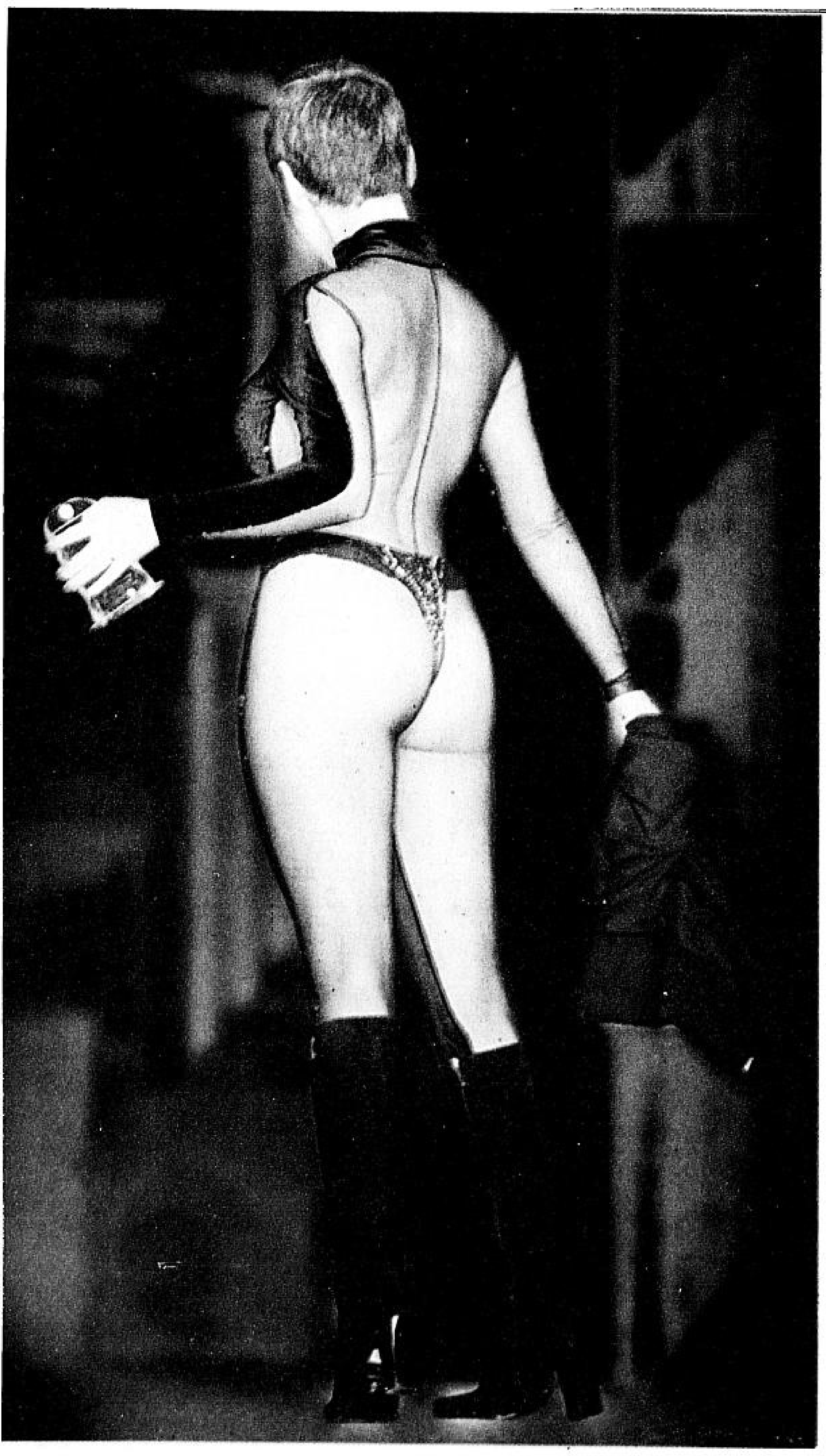
LOWER CHAPEL. Built in the 19th century, this is where the 500 or so lower boys (first two years) go for church services four mornings a week.

ONE of the tailors on main street where schoolboys have their tailcoats and uniforms made.

COPY of The Old Etonian Association Review

Eton has such close ties with the monarchy that the Provost, the titular head of the school, is a royal appointment, possibly a peer and certainly an Old Etonian. Despite its close history with British royalty (George III, who spent most of his time at Windsor Castle, was Eton's greatest royal patron despite being German and insane), very few members of the British royal family have gone to Eton.

A few Asian royals have gone to Eton such as the late Princes Birabongse and Chalermbol of Thailand, Gaj Singh, the Maharajah of Jodhpur, and the two late kings of Nepal, Birendra and Dipendra. Society portrait photographer Lord Antony Snowdon, "James Bond" series author Ian Fleming and Percy Bysshe Shelley were also Old Etonians. The school boasts of over 400 famous Old Etonians, 18 of whom were British prime ministers, including the Duke of Wellington, who not only beat Napoleon at Waterloo but also shared two mistresses with him, coincidentally both named Josephine. Two of the Queen's private secretaries, the late Lord Martin Charteris, and the present one, Sir Robert Fellowes, went to Eton. Of course, there are also fictionalized Old Etonians like James Bond, Captain Hook, Lord Greystoke (from "Tarzan") and Edmund Bertran (from "Mansfield Park").



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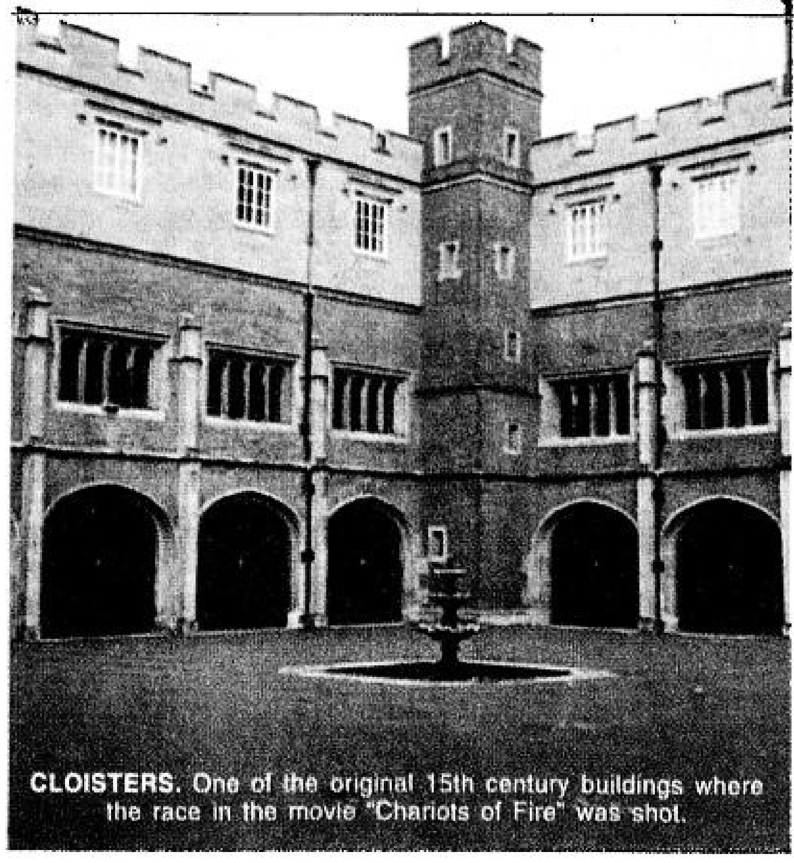


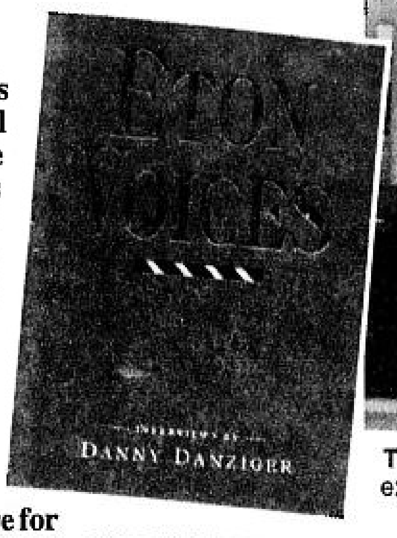
CLOISTERS. One of the original 15th century buildings where the race in the movie "Chariots of Fire" was shot.

The Eton way

BY KITTY GO

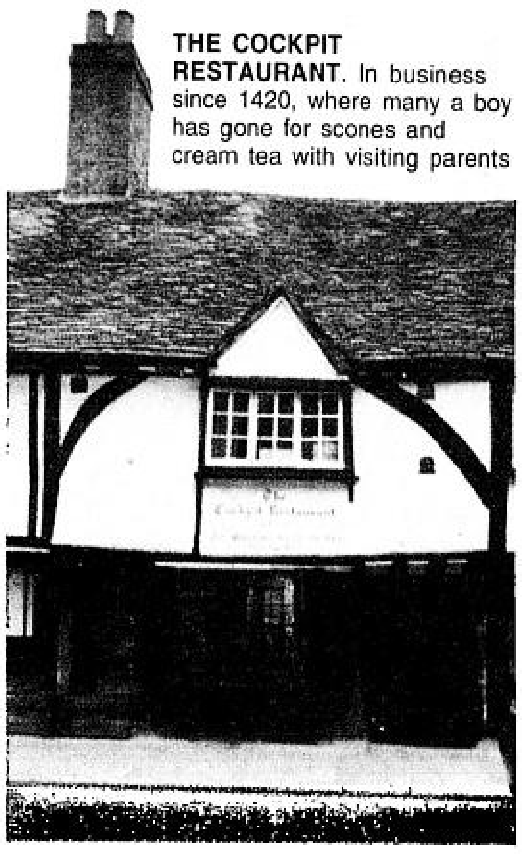
Tradition has a way of luxuriating in Eton. The feel of the old is what makes the school fascinating

VISITING prestigious schools always makes me feel intelligent. I may not have studied at Yale but I've sat in its library, next to copies of Chopin's music, I might add. Probably because I never got beyond filling out "home address" and "school history" on the Harvard and Stanford application forms, I have always been impressed with people who have gone to prestigious schools. I didn't even bother applying in Columbia but I've taken a bus there for a visit. Soon I will be going to Cambridge—to visit my cousin who is finishing a Master's in Art History. I have been to Eton not in my past life as a privileged boy but with my husband, an Old Etonian (that's alumnus to you and me) who gave me no information about the school beyond, "Don't know. Must be in a book somewhere. It's always been like that...."



"ETON VOICES." Get an insight on what it was like to be at Eton from the Old Boys.

THE ETON LIBRARY. Not much has changed from the past except for the addition of computers.



THE COCKPIT RESTAURANT. In business since 1420, where many a boy has gone for scones and cream tea with visiting parents

Much of Eton College has "always been like that" since it was founded in 1440 by Henry VI, making it one of the oldest schools in England. There is almost no distinction between tradition and school life in Eton. Everything, from the tailcoats the students wear to esoteric games (like The Wall and The Field) known only to Etonians, is tradition and thus, part of the education. Even school slang is Latin-based. Some classrooms from the 1500s or earlier, are still in use. School fees today start at $28,000 a year, which covers only accommodation and tuition. The school has a total of about 1,300 boys between the ages of 13 and 18. All students board and complete their education in five years.

'Housing'

Boys are lodged in "houses" or what Americans call dormitories. Each house has about 50 boys who each have their own room. Every house is presided over by a "house master," assisted by a "dame" or matron who takes care of the boys' health and domestic affairs. Each boy also has a "tutor," not for academics but for personal and religious counseling. Etonians do not "graduate." Instead, they go through the casual but gentlemanly act of shaking the head master's hand (that's principal to you and me) and receiv-

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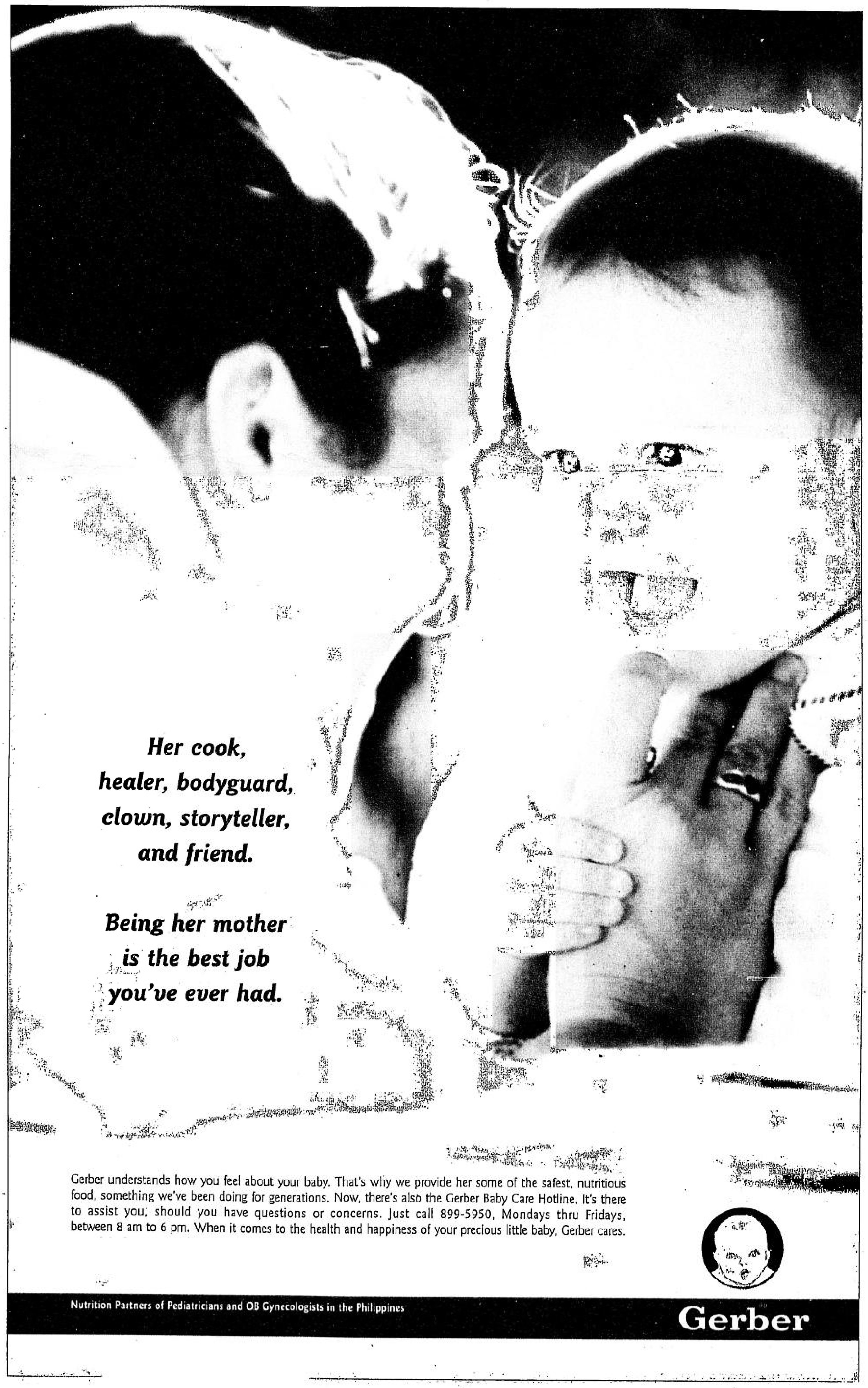
ROYAL ETONIAN. Prince William



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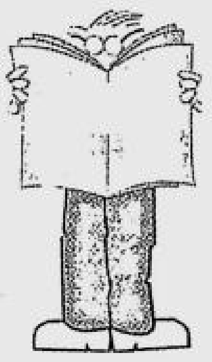

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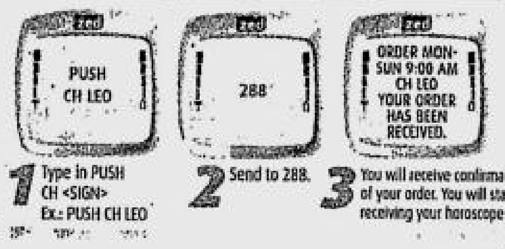
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Self-discipline in the workplace

By Ernesto G. Espinosa

(The author is currently the vice president of the Personnel Management Association of the Philippines (PMAP). He is also the assistant vice president, HRD and general affairs of Fujitsu Computer Products Corp. of the Philippines.)

> *"No one who cannot master himself is worthy to rule, and only he can rule."*
> **Johann Wolfgang von Goethe**

> *"Those who can command themselves command others."*
> **William Hazlitt**

SELF-DISCIPLINE is the value for the month of September in our Company. While the above quotations may only be appropriate for leaders or would be-leaders, the fact remains that if one cannot discipline others (subordinates, peers, teammates, children, dealers, customers, etc.), he too cannot discipline himself.

Self-discipline normally suggests self-restraint. Knowing fully well that a certain action, if done, or a certain behavior, if manifested, is bad, an individual with self-discipline will try to control himself from acting or behaving towards that direction before something even worse happens.

Role modeling

There used to be an advertisement on television where the child sees his father violate a traffic rule after seeing the "No overtaking" sign and then the annotator says, *"Ang ginagawa ng matanda sa mata ng bata ay laging tama."* (In the eyes of the child, what the older person does is always right.) Self-discipline requires role modeling or setting a good example for others to emulate.

In the work environment, there are many companies where the managers lead in setting a bad example. "What are we in power for?", they retort, and so they are the first ones who violate company policies by being late, breaking queues when eating at the canteen, not wearing identification cards, smoking in prohibited areas, etc. One will notice that in departments where you have these kinds of manager, there is almost always a breakdown in the discipline of employees. A manager cannot expect a subordinate to do what the manager himself cannot do.

Self-control

It seems that it is always a challenge for violators of company policies to do exactly the opposite of what is expected of them to do. Examples: Why is it that employees smoke in areas where they see a "No smoking" sign? Why is that they become noisier when they see the sign "Observe silence" in corridors? Why is it that they pick flowers in plant gardens where they see the sign "No picking of flowers"? And why is it that they write on walls bearing the "Vandalism is prohibited" reminder? Some foreigners are wondering why we have to put "Do not urinate" in certain areas when, looking at the areas themselves, a decent person would not dare do anything bad to make such areas dirty, even smelly. But no, where the signs are, we find pleasure in doing exactly the opposite of what the signs suggest! There is almost always an unwritten feeling or behavior, *"Mas masarap pag bawal."* (It feels better doing what is prohibited.)

And this is where self-restraint comes in. I think the guide is, if one knows that the act is bad, he should not make the situation worse by challenging the rule in order to prove that he can do otherwise. This is where we can easily differentiate between the men and the boys.

Change of environment changes one's behavior too

It has been observed that employees tend to be carefree or show lack of concern when inside plant premises. When eating at the canteen, for example, they leave behind soup spills on top of tables. They do not pick up napkins or pieces of paper that they see lying on the floor. The question is, if the same situation occurs in their homes, will they also leave soup spills on top of the table? Will they allow napkins or pieces of paper to remain on the floor of their homes? I do not think so.

An employee who has self-discipline takes care of everything around him regardless of the environment he is in. In fact, how he treats company property is reflective of how he treats his own personal property at home. There should not be any difference.

Knowing what is right from wrong

Employees working in organizations are old enough to know what is right and what is wrong. Yet, the employees who lack self-discipline are some of the managers, some of the more affluent employees who are supposed to have better education than the others, some of the longer tenured employees compared to the new ones, some who are even close the officers of the company. But isn't it that all of us are supposed to be equal when it comes to knowing between what is right and what is wrong? The only value separating us is self-discipline. Quite ironically, the rank and file, the poor and less educated, the new employees and those who are not close to the officers of the company are the ones who may not have the necessary self-discipline but no, it is the opposite.

As I said several times in the past, good values make us better individuals. I submit that we should start with one of the most fundamental values, that is, self-discipline. If one has it, everything follows.

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SAVE THE CORALS

While based overseas, I keep myself updated via the PDI website. The article "Coral Crazy" by Alan Silayan (**SIM**, 23 September 2001) caught my attention. Stripped of the usual "Save the Earth, Hug a Tree, Save the Dolphins, Buy the Shirt" jargon that often isolates the environmentally unaware, this article was concise and well written. It was not condescending to us common folk who don't really know much about the fundamentals of marine life or the rudiments of sustainable development. The INQUIRER should have a regular feature on environmental issues for those of us who are indifferent only because we are uninformed. Kudos to the writer; I have a feeling his version of saving the world starts by him saving the oceans.

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A GLIMPSE OF BJ

Your article about BJ Manalo (**SIM**, 23 September 2001) was really great. It's my first time to voice out my appreciation for an article. I personally don't know BJ, nor do I dig the Green Archers. I'm 22, a second year medical student, so I don't have much time to watch TV, much less the UAAP. But I do have favorite basketball players: Danny I and Danny S. You gave me a glimpse of this person, his achievements, struggles, survival, dreams and hopes, and I am intrigued. Triple thumbs-up to the writer. I hope your magazine will have more good, interesting articles like this.

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BEFORE "CARMEN"

I read your feature on Tanghalang Pilipino's production of Bizet's "Carmen" in translation (**SIM**, 30 September 2001). Photo caption on page 6 states that TP's "Carmen" is the first opera to be translated and staged in Filipino since the late Rolando Tinio's "La Boheme."

It might interest SIM readers to know that Dulaang Talyer, producer of the Aliw-nominated "*Bilog*," in cooperation with UP College of Music and Alliance Francaise, presented a translation of "Candide" as part of its 1999-2000 *fin de siecle* theater season.

"Candide" is a comic operetta composed by Leonard Bernstein based on the novel of the same title by 18th century French poet Voltaire. Centennial Literary awardee Rody Vera's adaptation transports the satire to an allegorical Philippines, a philosophical journey that begins on the eve of World War II and ends in a modern Philippines.

"Candido" was staged from July 29-August 15, 1999 at the UP Abelardo Hall and Philamlife Auditorium. In the cast were Jonathan Badon, Nazer Salcedo, Lorna Llames, Bituin Domincel, Jai Sabas Aracama, Dodo Crisol and Nomer Son, under the direction of Paul Morales.

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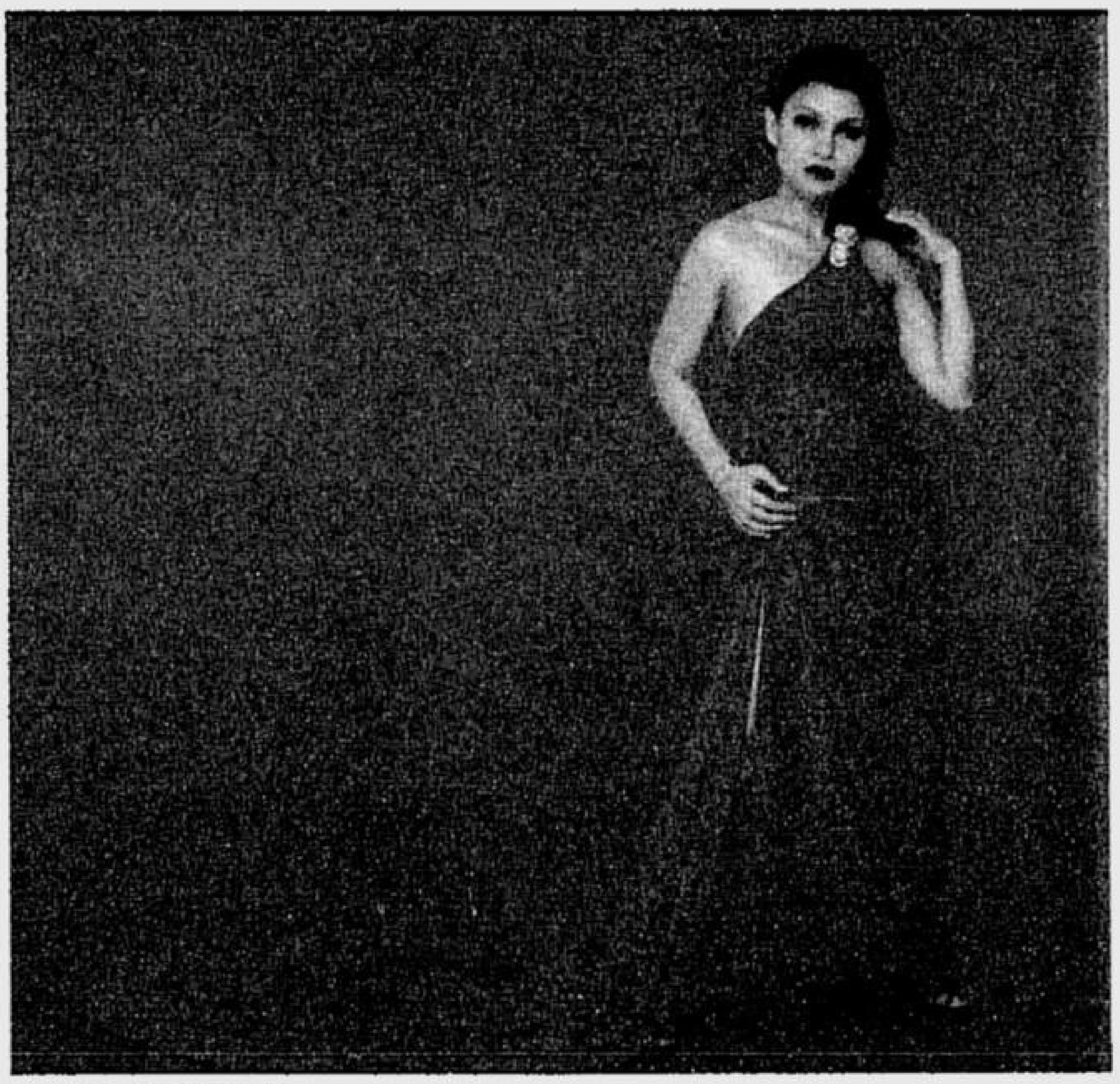

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Theater Tales

by Cora Llamas

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Bituin Escalante and Lana Jalosjos may be as different as night and day, but the two share a common passion for theater and a flair for performance. As lesbian lovers in the re-staging of "Rent," the two prove that they also have the uncanny ability to be cast in roles beyond the pale.

La Femme Bohemia

TWO LADIES AS DIFFERENT AS DAY AND NIGHT.

One is a gritty, outspoken veteran of showbiz and theater while the other is just starting out, literally fresh from the shelter of academia. The first is an admitted daughter of "hippies" who dropped out of the University of the Philippines Film School to pursue her passion. The second plodded on to finish her hotel and restaurant management degree to make her folks happy. One is all bite and energy, laced with a teeny bit of irony and humor. The other is all prim and proper, a flower just about to bloom. The only thing they seem to share is a love for theater, a flair for performance, and the uncanny ability to be cast in roles far beyond the pale.

Bituin Escalante and Lana Jalosjos spark together like fire and ice, and the interesting combination should spice up the already intense cast chemistry in Atlantis' restaging of "Rent" this October. Both ladies play lesbian lovers Joanne, the in-control take-charge lawyer, and Maureen, the whirlwind love-'em-and-dump-'em artist, respectively.

And, yes, they do share a kissing scene. And no, offstage, they're not gay.

Made for stage: Lana (left) and Bituin

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"I love men!" Bituin giggles in her typical freewheeling manner. "What turns me on? *Dapat guwapo* (good looks). That's true: he should be *guwapo*. He should also be funny and *malibog* (lusty)."

"I like the *guwapos*, too," Lana seconds after a moment's thought. It was obvious she was still carefully thinking through her answer. "But what really attracts me is the humble guy. *Nakaka*-turn-off *iyong mga mayayabang* (show-offs). He should also be accomplished and has a career or talent that he can make of himself. He should also be *maalaga* (caring)."

Both ladies are already spoken for. Bituin has been seeing a childhood buddy turned boyfriend for the past five years. Lana doesn't say much about her beau, but a hint of blush occasionally steals across her face when he is mentioned.

Whoever they are and whatever they do, the other halves of Bituin and Lana must be open-minded, very supportive guys. As Bituin admits, kissing a girl is not "the worst thing" that her boyfriend has seen. "As Mary Magdalene, I've bared my breasts behind a screen in 'Jesus Christ, Superstar.' As 'Tibag's' Queen Fausta, I crossed the stage naked with just a blanket draped over me."

Prior to "Rent," Lana appeared as a bearded, muscular man in the gender-bending "Hedwig and the Angry Inch." She played the resentful "husband" of the title character who was a drag queen. In a departure from usual stage protocol, the role required very little dialogue; Lana had to show the buried anger, dawning jealousy, and last remains of love through a grunt here and a bark there.

A lot of very high notes of certain pop and rock songs, echoing the emotion in a particular scene, had to be hit at that crucial moment. Lana did superbly, aided in no small part by her classical music training with the UP Concert Chorus. Audience and critics took notice. While there have been talks that major record companies have sent feelers, graduation this semester is the first thing in Lana's thing. "She studies even during rehearsals," Bituin quips.

"I do have to finish my HR degree because of practical reasons," Lana replies. Essentially, it seemed the best way to help out in the family business; her dad owns a resort in Davao. "I did take it because of his wishes, though my passion is performing."

Chalk it to her other side of the gene pool. Her mom is Lourna Pal, the concert and recording artist. It didn't come as a surprise when Lana, as a child, started taking jazz and ballet. In college, as a member of the UP Concert Chorus, she toured the world three times. Her first break into theater came when she auditioned for the first "Rent" staging in Manila two years ago.

Family business aside, it would have seemed natural to take a degree in Theater Arts, but Lana is not too keen on mixing business with pleasure. "It would mean taking courses that might make the whole thing too technical. Performing is my outlet. As a kid, I liked to be so many things that I am not. Now, through acting, I can be anything. I can play around with these characters in my head."

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Perspective
by Samira Ali Gutoc

The traditional view of jihad is a holy war in defense of Islam against the onslaught of foreign intervention and colonization. But jihad in the more vibrant sense is an individual's simple struggle to rise to goodness – a fact lost in the current wave of anti-Islam sentiment

The Muslim Backlash

PUHLEESE! WITH A SENSE OF DÉJÀ VU, A MUSLIM WOMAN WHOSE BAG WAS BEING SEARCHED INTENSELY BY A MALL GUARD, ROLLED HER EYES AT HER GIRLFRIEND. "WHERE IS THE BOMB, SISTER?" SHE ASKED IN JEST. SOME MUSLIMS EXPRESS NO SURPRISE THAT OSAMA BIN LADEN AND COMPANY ARE BEING BLAMED FOR THE SEPTEMBER 11 UNITED STATES TRAGEDY. WHAT ELSE IS NEW? CYNICAL MUSLIMS WOULD ASK.

Even before the supposed plot against the Pope during his Manila visit, Moro "terrorists" have always been held responsible for public disorder. After several bombings at the Glorietta and other public places in Metro Manila, Muslims in Maharlika Village, Taguig, were accosted and detained, some claim, "without due process." Such incidents have prompted activist Moro groups to march down the streets shouting "Human rights violations" or "Muslims: convenient scapegoats!"

"It's always a witch hunt!," says Joan Adiong, a law student, referring to the usual tagging of Muslims as suspects in massive "criminal activities."

In a UP sociology class, one student proposed half-jokingly, "Why don't we have a survey of all Muslims and kill all those who support terrorism? *Dapat patayin na lang lahat ng Muslim!*" (Let's just kill all Muslims!) The other students laughed, except for Amina Janni (not her real name). As a Muslim, she was simply too overwhelmed to react.

The US tragedy has opened old unspoken wounds like the Crusades of old. "A fight between liberals and fundamentalists," was how American officials described the search for the "enemies" of democracy who have most likely committed the acts. The divide has been defined, with US supporters on one side and Taliban fanatics on the other.

But this would be too simplistic an understanding, some academics would say.

Some NGO and media workers might ask, "If indeed Muslims were not condoning terrorism, why the silence about the tragedy?" On the contrary, some Muslims did express indignation over the World Trade Center attack. "We should say 'no' to terrorism," says Maki Daturamos, former president of the UP Muslim Students and Alumni Association (UPMSA).

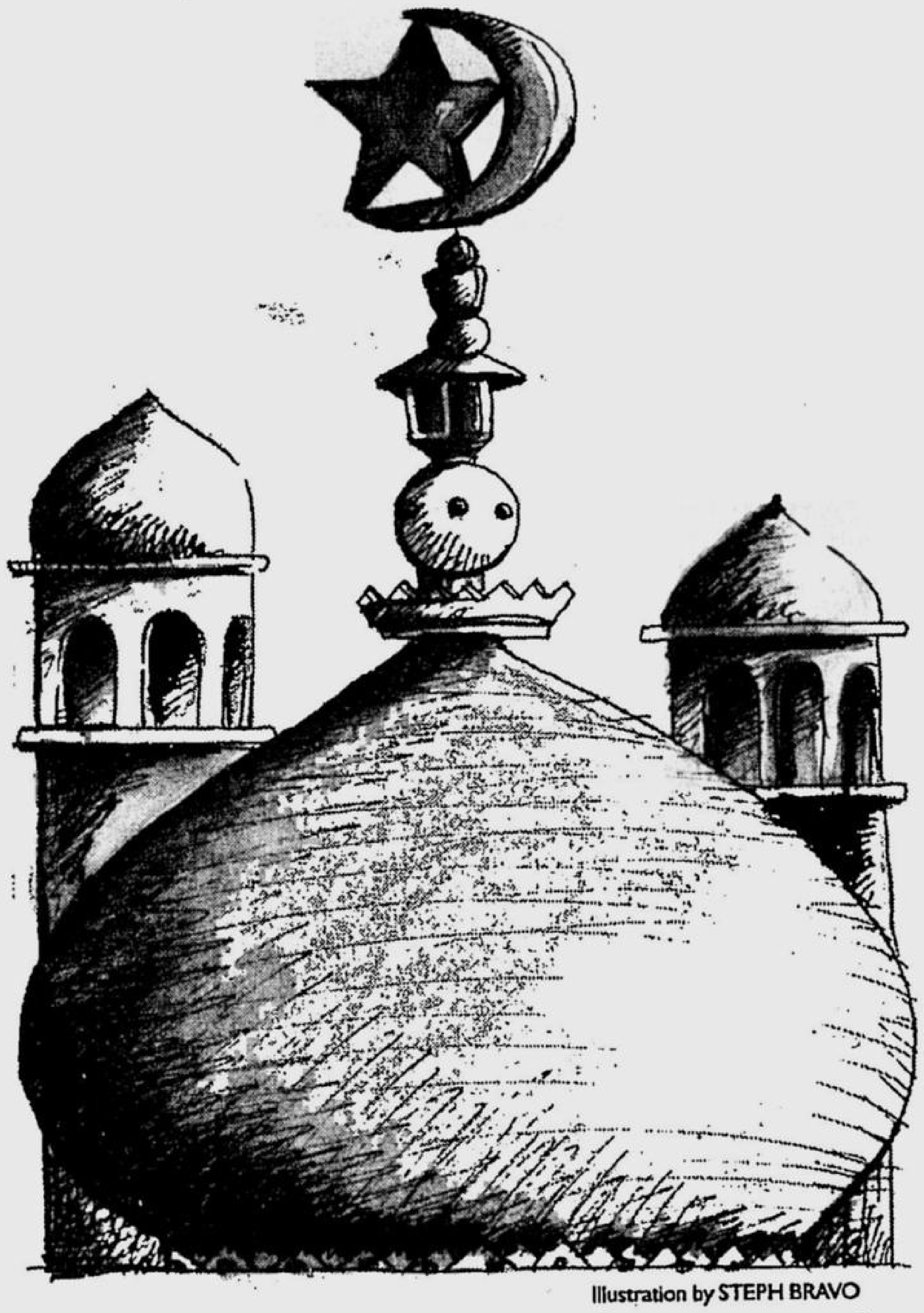
But the event also catalyzed discussions among Muslims on the state of media reportage: why the silence from the Western press when Muslim innocents were bombed by the United States such as in Iraq? "When Muslim women, men and children are killed, no one condemns it and calls it terrorism," says a high-ranking government official from Mindanao. "But when non-Muslim nations are attacked, the Muslims of the world are condemned and persecuted," he adds.

Muslim groups fear a backlash from the WTC attack, afraid that it would fuel even more prejudice against Islam believers. Already, text messages from the United States have reached Muslims here reporting how two Muslim women in San Francisco were stabbed and how mosques were vandalized as a result of Arab suspicion. Hate crimes, already a phenomenon in the US from earlier times, have once again resulted in racist attacks against minorities based on religion, race or political affiliation.

Such contentious views and racist attacks have in turn resulted in calls for *jihad* from Muslims. Curiosity on the concept is made more relevant as the US prepares to attack ill-equipped Afghanistan, suspected of harboring Osama. Would Muslim countries support the US against a country which espouses an Islamic statehood?

The answer is complex. The Muslim world itself is divided on the issue of terrorism.

Jihad, former dean Mashur Jundam (UP Institute of Islamic Studies) describes, is a process of establishing Islamic law (*shariah*) to cover all existing evil conducts in society. The traditional view of *jihad* is a holy war in defense of Islam against the onslaught of outside or foreign intervention and colonization. But *jihad* in the more vibrant sense is an individual's simple struggle to rise to goodness. "Enjoin what is good and forbid what is wrong," advises the Holy Qur'an. Killing, says former dean Wadja Esmula, is like murdering the whole of mankind, quoted from the Qur'an.



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Here in the Philippines, Moro rebels dubbed "freedom fighters" (*mujahid*) by Moro academics wage a war against what they see is a secular government. "Reason dictates that the people shall have the right to determine their fate and destiny with little imposition of those values not in congruence with their own cultural orientation," writes Prof. Jundam.

But some *balik* Islam converts also view primary jihad, *jihad al akbar* (individual struggle) as more important than the battlefield form. The individual *mujahid* (not merely the warrior) has to demonstrate kindness, justice and love towards others, whether Muslim or Christian. He knows that he has to answer for all his acts in the hereafter. Simple cleanliness in our communities should be a goal of *jihad*, advises a Muslim preacher.

And yet, even as millions of Muslims go about their day to day work, they also have to contend with the harassing eye of authorities and ordinary individuals. Their prayers include another statement: protect us, God, from bigotry.

Samira Ali Gutoc, 26, is editor-in-chief of Arellano Law and Policy Review. She aims to become a reporter with her veil on.

THEATER...from page 3

As different as night and day: Lana and Bituin

If there's anything that Bituin wants to be known for, it's that she's also a serious musical-theater artist. While many people know her as a concert and recording artist, the lady has paid her dues in theater. Small ensemble roles in productions for Musical Theater Philippines, Tanghalang Pilipino and Trumpets soon opened for her meatier parts in New Voice Company and Atlantis.

Atlantis, in particular, has been pushing Bituin's dramatic range lately. Her strong-willed, '90s version of Magdalene removed the martyr wallflower image of the film version's Yvonne Elliman, which had ingrained itself in the minds of Superstar fans for three decades. Her Magdalene stood up to Judas and even dared to steal a kiss on the sleeping Christ. Though Bituin made it a point to clarify, "it's not about Jesus. It's about Mary loving him. It was one-sided."

Bituin's portrayal of the hyper Joanne in Rent will be a little softer than the traditional aggressive interpretation. "She's an African-American Harvard graduate who's always in control until Maureen comes into her life. I will not portray her as uptight. She's willing to party but it's Maureen who makes her work to death!"

Work and passion are one in Bituin's mind. Performance was a dream that was planted and nurtured from childhood. "We were a family of KSPs (scene stealers)," she grins. "Everyone – my parents, my four siblings, and me – was into the arts. All of us sang. My dad is a jack of all trades; he was a pilot, engineer, artist, and insurance salesman in various stages of his life. My mom, Gigi Escalante, was part of the Ambivalent Crowd. She also did costumes for the theatrical mega-production 'Aswang' last year.'"

Next year, Bituin is hoping to play Acid Queen in the rock musical "Tommy," also with Atlantis. "Yes, that's another one of those roles," she smiles mischievously, "She promotes sex, drugs, and rock and roll!"

With typical caution, Lana is still balancing the new world that theater offers with the HR responsibilities she will be taking on. In time, she hopes to do Ti Moune, the selfless, loving, and ill-fated heroine in "Once On This Island."

"What attracts me to that role is Ti Moune's being a *martir sa pagmamahal* (martyr when it comes to love)." It seems closer to her real-life personality in that "*todo bigay din ako magmahal.* I don't hold back."

Bituin nods in agreement. "*Todo bigay din ako* (Same here)." Of course, she admits half-laughingly a few minutes later, it doesn't stop her from "taking it out" on her real-life partner when stress levels run high.

"I can't do that!" Lana remarks. "He just might walk out on me."

Two different ladies. Two different artists playing one mismatched, fighting but inseparable couple in a musical about life, death, and the kind of love that binds.

Atlantis' production of "Rent," the award-winning musical by Jonathan Larson, will run from October 5 to November 4 at the GSIS Theater, CCP Complex. For inquiries, please call 892-7078.

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In Memoriam

by Frank Cimatu
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Just days before his 37th birthday, one of the best Filipino judokas died of a cardiac arrest. From the sport that ruled his life, Jerry Diño learned how to give way to a stronger opponent.

Going Away Gently

JUDO IS A GAME OF CONTRASTS.

Translated as "gentle way" in Japanese, it is also a form of martial arts. To rise in judo, its founder Jigoro Kano wrote, you have to learn the importance of falling—that is, falling on the *tatami* mat so you don't hurt yourself, and later using your fall to subdue your opponent. "*Ju*" means giving way. In judo, one must learn to give way to overcome a stronger opponent. But it is not that easy; some judo enthusiasts spend countless years of training to perfectly give way.

Jerry Cruz Diño learned how to fall and give way perfectly.

For 10 years, he was the best Filipino judoka in his class and was one of only two Filipino Olympians in judo. The other one is his good friend and 2001 Southeast Asian Games gold medalist John Baylon.

Diño's death on Sept. 7 took everyone by surprise. His wife Leilani Refuerzo-Diño, his brothers— who are almost all judo masters— and his students had no premonition of his death. He had just sparred with the Philippine judo team when he collapsed and died of cardiac arrest. He had thrown up on his first sparring match, but instead of taking that as a warning symptom, he only took a break and later sparred with two others. Then he just gave way.

"He lived the life of a judo player to the fullest and died still wearing his *judogi* (uniform)," said Jerry's former student Liza Agoot-Galao.

Jerry was supposed to celebrate his 37th birthday on Sept. 20. Every year, his family and students would go to an isolated clearing in Barangay Pacdal in Baguio City and force Jerry, who never drank, to become inebriated and do the craziest thing they could think of. Last year, he sang the Baha Men's "Who Let the Dogs Out" a la Basil Valdez.

Reprinted from "Heroes" by RAUL TEEHANKEE

Jerry's rise in judo would make for a good movie. The youngest of seven brothers with a younger sister in tow, Dino came from a Baguio-based family synonymous with judo. His brother Leopoldo was a silver and bronze medalist in the 1987 and 1989 SEA Games while Wilfredo won the bronze in 1989. Brothers Crispin and Nestor are also judo teachers.

Jerry was not somebody his brothers took seriously, Wilfredo said. When he was young, he jumped from a running dump truck and hurt his foot. He was 14 and a judo white-belter when his brothers brought him along to a judo tournament in Manila. One of the events was almost a Russian roulette version of judo where a team member was matched with anyone from the other team.

Jerry was matched with a black belter, whom he handily beat with a cinematic move known as the shoulder wheel. Wilfredo said Jerry learned the technique from a taxi driver. A Japanese master was so impressed with Jerry that he immediately gave the boy a brown belt.

Jerry won a gold medal in 1987 and 1989 and two other gold medals in 1991. He also represented the Philippines in the Seoul and Barcelona Olympics with Baylon. The Baguio media cited Diño as among the city's "Athletes of the Millennium."

But Jerry also took time to become a registered nurse. It was in nursing school 10 years ago where he met his wife Leilani, no judo fan, but who confessed to being disarmed by Jerry's smile and kindness. Jerry, his wife recalled, was supposed to take the United States admission examinations for nursing but the exam date coincided with the holding of the Barcelona Olympics in 1992.

In 1996, Jerry retired from active competition out of disgust with the intramural politics in the Philippine Amateur Judo Council. He and his players were asked to forego their schooling in Baguio to train in Manila but Jerry chose Baguio. Twelve of the Baguio-based members in the Philippine team also quit.

But Jerry never quit judo. His house is filled with books and tapes on the sport. Images of his judo idols are posted on his walls. "He spent almost eight hours a day on judo. It became his way of life," Leilani said.

The Diños, together with the other Baguio judokas, established the Kai Tagi Club at the YMCA in Baguio. Some of the Philippine team members go up to the summer capital to learn the grappling technique through the club. Fellow judoka Agoot-Galao joked that many of the former Baguio team members married each other because they're so good at grappling each other over the mat and later, under the sheets.

Jerry also grappled with married life long enough to sire six children. His eldest Kyla, 9, was baptized "Spiderwoman" by the local media because she has beaten more experienced women in vertical wall climbing competitions in the city. Kyla is also a judo champion like Jerry's two other children Karlo, 6, and Karisha, 4, in their age groups.

Dino's nieces and nephews who became judo champions include Sharon, now an assistant coach of the University of Santo Tomas judo team; Marvin, who was last year's University Athletic Association of the Philippines rookie of the year in judo; Jasmine, who was a former Philippine judo team member; and Randy. Another nephew, Roland Diño, bagged the bronze medal in the recent SEA Games in Kuala Lumpur.

Jerry was prudent enough to establish a T-shirt printing and photocopying business in Baguio even while firming up his judo career. One of his designs has Chinese philosopher Lao Tze's message favored by judokas: "Softness can overcome hardness." He sent T-shirts to members of the Philippine judo team before they left for the Kuala Lumpur SEA Games early in September.

Before he died, Jerry was preparing for the Judo World Cup in Las Vegas, Nevada, this month. But as it turned out, this soft-spoken warrior has taught us and his students the importance of gently giving way.

With a report from Desiree Caluza, PDI Northern Luzon Bureau

[illegible] Armando J. Malay [illegible]

All the News All this Time

FRIDAYS WERE ALWAYS DREADED IN OUR ETHICS IN JOURNALISM CLASS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES IN THE LATE 1960S. THAT WAS WHEN PROFESSOR ARMANDO J. MALAY WOULD GIVE HIS TOUGH CURRENT EVENTS QUIZZES. THEN, AS NOW, THE MAN REMAINS STEEPED IN THE NEWS OF THE DAY.

"This morning at 5, *sigaw na ako, dumating na ba ang diyaryo?"* recounts Malay when we dropped by his home in Quezon City. "I want to know the news." Now pushing 87, Malay has kept himself abreast of the news despite his problematic eyesight. But more than just being a journalist for over six decades, he is also a chronicler of events. In seven books, countless newspaper and magazine articles and personal columns, most of which he wrote long after leaving active newspaper work, Malay weighed in with keen observations on contemporary happenings.

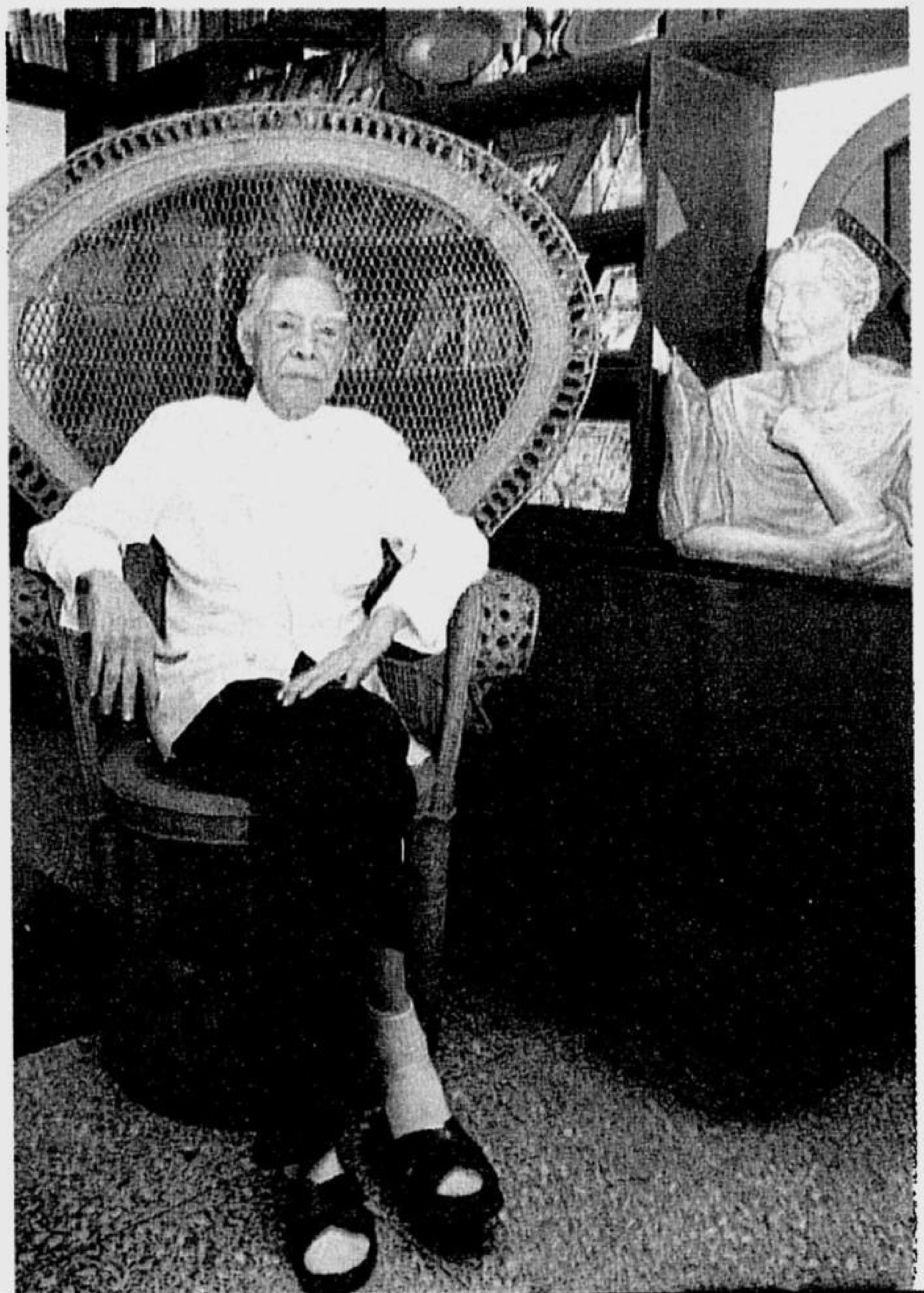
Writing kept him company, considering that he has outlived most of his contemporaries. But he had to stop writing in 1996 because of his eyes and vertigo. "I cannot even use a typewriter now," he says. "I cannot even give you an autograph," Malay adds, glancing at the notebook from our ethics class that I had kept and brought for this interview.

His sparsely furnished bedroom is lined with pictures and other mementos of his years in journalism and the academe. Home has been, since the '50s, in the same middle class neighborhood in Heroes Hill, in a compound where two of the three Malay siblings also keep their own homes. Malay, Dean of Student Affairs at UP, ended his academic posting during the First Quarter Storm in the 1970s. Recalling how he had to range himself at the time against the radicals on campus, Malay says his job was to keep stability in UP under then president Salvador Lopez. Not to mention keep the State U safe from the ire of then President Marcos.

But there are more pleasant things for him to recall. Lighting up a cigarette (a habit he admits he has failed to break), he ambles to a steel filing cabinet, takes out a thick album of photographs and turns over a page. "This is Quezon, this is Malay," he says. "I was in the Young Philippines (party). I was a student." Having lived under 12 presidents, he singles out Quezon as the most dynamic of them all.

His fingers leaf through the other pages and stop here and there, at the pictures of several American governors general. Stimson, Murphy. Gen. John Pershing, the German-American who led US troops in Europe during World War I. "He was one of those who pacified Morolandia. Original *yang* photo."

Malay started in journalism in 1935 as a reporter for The Tribune newspaper of the Roces clan. His father, Gonzalo had been a writer, too, from Gagalangin, Tondo. In the sala of the Malay house, a large sepia print shows Gonzalo decked out in the regalia of a Freemason. "I have his writings. He even wrote a book, 'How to Speak English'," says Malay. Years later, he himself would be teaching several subjects in journalism. Jose Ma. Sison was a student in the mid-'50s. So, too was his eldest daughter, Carolina (Bobbie), who describes him as a teacher who went for exactitude. "He wanted the grammar and spelling to be correct," recalls Bobbie, who went on to become a newspaperwoman and a UP journalism professor. Bobbie, mother to two budding journalists, is wife to sectoral representative and former National Democratic Front spokesman Satur Ocampo.



With muse and memoirs: Malay likes to recall the good times, especially with wife Paula (above, right)

The elder Malay spent his first 10 years in journalism with The Tribune, including the wartime years when he worked under Japanese military supervision, the last time he would endure restraints in his profession. Did the guerrillas take it against him and the other collaborators? Not to his knowledge, he claims. In fact, the guerrillas at one time contacted him to spy on the number of newspaper rolls consumed by The Tribune. "But I did not give in," says Malay, reflecting on the professional stance he has always taken towards work and responsibility. But when the time did come for him to take a stand, he went to prison for it. In 1982, Malay was a columnist for the We Forum, the fortnightly that was critical of the Marcos martial law government. He found himself in jail with the rest of the staff, charged with subversion, after Marcos shut down the paper. The charges were dismissed after EDSA 1 in 1986.

After the war, with the image of The Tribune in disrepute because of years of Japanese propaganda, Malay and the former staff of the paper put up their own daily, The Manila Chronicle. A growing family (by wife Paula, an English professor at UE who died in 1993) and the rigors of life following the war entailed extra demands on finances. "Penny-pinching" was how Bobbie describes post-war existence. Malay took on a teaching job at FEU. "Most newspapermen were renting their homes. *Maliit ang suweldo eh*," he observes. Today, he notes with a tinge of rebuke, some newspapermen live it up, something unthinkable to his generation. He recalls that only his editor Joe Bautista (maternal grandfather of Sen. Loren Legarda, he adds) had a business—a *farmacia* put up by his wife. He remembers how some reporters covered their beats, risking their lives beating the traffic on motorcycles, the only form of transportation affordable to them.

Malay would eventually leave The Chronicle (which by then had been acquired by the Lopez family) as it began promoting the political career of Fernando Lopez, vice president to President Elpidio Quirino. Not an admirer of Quirino, Malay once ran a column with the heading, "The achievements of Quirino"—and left the rest of the column blank. But he

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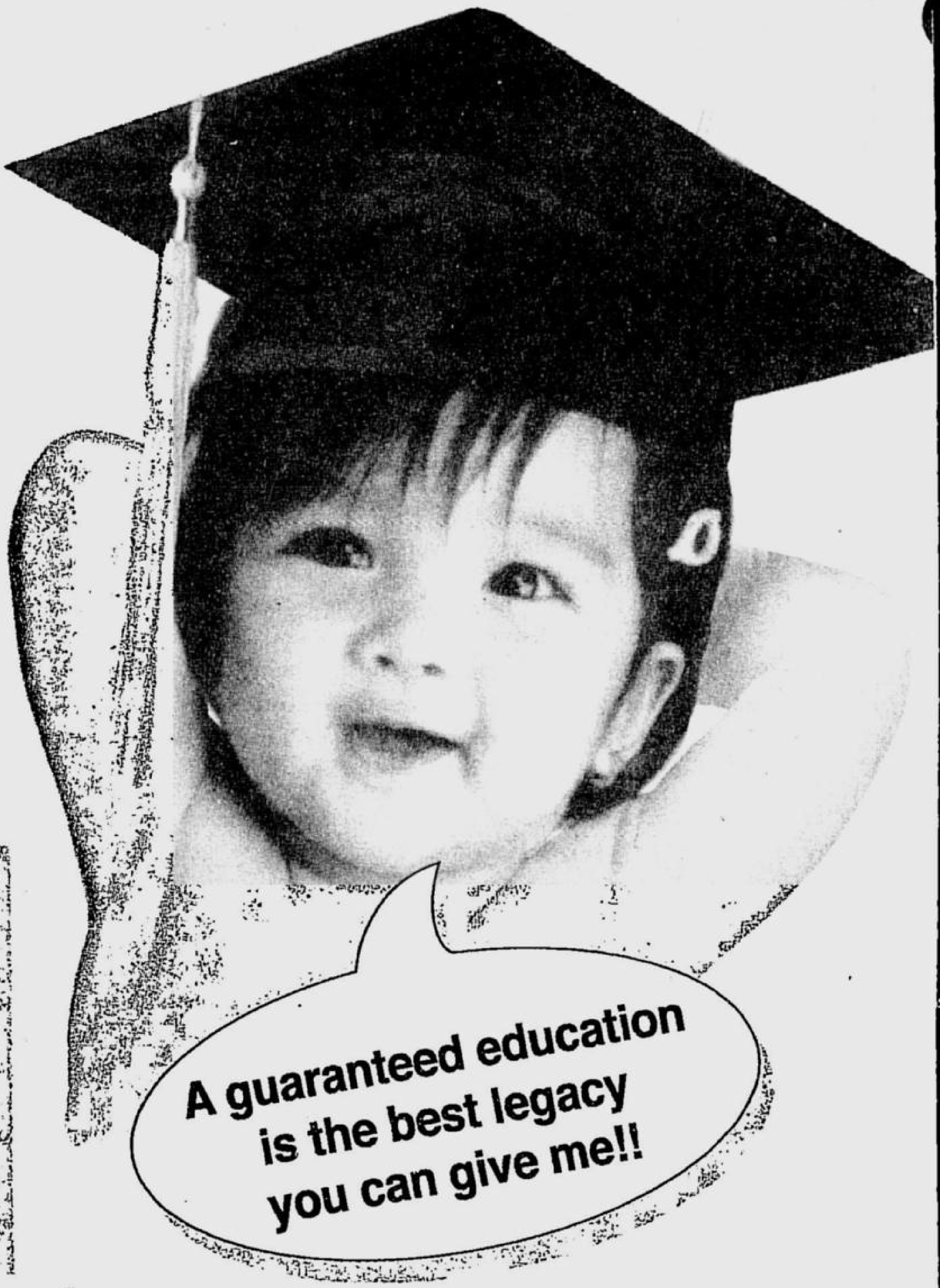
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Cover Story

by Eric S. Caruncho

She used to make a living doing uncanny multiplex covers of everyone from Whitney to Barbra, with a voice loaded with style and power. Now it's time for the real Lani Misalucha to take a bow – and how.

Chameleon of Song

Photogarph by Raymund Isaac; gown by Edwin Tan

DON'T CALL HER “DIVA”; THE NAME IS LANI MISALUCHA.

To begin with, “diva” has to be the single most overused word in the music business, to the point of meaninglessness. Once the term was applied only to the prima donnas of the operatic stage. Callas. Te Kanawa. Wilhelmina Fernandez. Now every singer with a record out and a publicist is a “diva.” Even friggin' Jolina is a “diva.”

Please. Let's give the “d” word a rest. No more *pa*-cute taglines like “Oh, diva!”

Besides, admits Misalucha, she's really not very comfortable with the word.

“I believe there are other artists who are more deserving,” she says without a hint of false modesty. “I'd be more comfortable being called, plainly, Lani Misalucha.”

It wouldn't fly, anyway. Onstage, the surprisingly petite Misalucha exudes none of the frosty hauteur of Kuh Ledesma, nor does she summon the thrilling upper-register aerobatics of Regine Velasquez. Her singing lacks Jaya's funky soul-sister grit, and she doesn't belt it out like Zsa Zsa. She doesn't have to.

What Lani has that many would-be singers would kill for is an instrument of uncommon warmth – a slightly husky alto that she can bend, shape and wrap around a huge range of songs, from lightweight MOR pop to standards to rhythm and blues to *kundiman* to operatic arias.

Proof of that range is the fact that it takes a while for Misalucha's vocal chords to warm up. They underwent a pretty strenuous workout the weekend before the interview when she sang two songs with heavy metal outfit Wolfgang.

“I'd heard of Wolfgang but I didn't know it was a rock band, as in, super-rock *talaga*,” she laughs. “It was the first time for me to sing a rock song with a rock band *na talagang* heavy metal. Wow! *Talagang* throat-breaking, but it was a wonderful experience to sing something quite different from what I do. *Nakakaaliw*. And it was well-received by the audience.”

Misalucha's risk-taking outlook is responsible for such occasional ventures outside of her comfort zone. It has given her a lot of flexibility: she's just at home doing covers for the lounge crowd as she is in a larger auditorium.

"People have said I'm a chameleon," says Misalucha, and this applies to her image as well. Gifted with almond eyes, high cheekbones and a wide, sensual mouth, Misalucha's face is a photographer's dream blank canvas. Her photo spreads have portrayed her as fresh-faced ingénue or sultry temptress, woman-next-door or grand dame.

I wonder aloud if perhaps this very versatility can become a drawback and Misalucha readily agrees.

"It's an edge, but for me being versatile has also become a liability." A liability in the sense that it has taken longer for people to grasp the essential Lani Misalucha. Even she admits that she hasn't a clue.

"If I sing a rock song, I sing it in a 'rock' way. If I do a ballad, *iba naman ang boses ko*. Unlike Jaya, very distinctive *ang boses niya.* Or Zsa Zsa. In my case, you'd have to listen hard. There is a certain quality that you can recognize as being me, but I really cannot say what that is until now. Other people can tell right away – *uy, si* Lani *'to*."

Be that as it may, the signs and portents indicate that, perhaps, Lani has finally arrived. Last month, Misalucha passed the litmus test of popularity when she filled the 15,000-seat Araneta Coliseum with her Crossover Live concert, a tour de force performance that sent reviewers gushing and fans screaming for more.

On Oct. 30 and 31, she headlines a very different concert at the Cultural Center of the Philippines. "A Nightingale Sings" will pair her with a 40-piece orchestra, as well as the Philippine Madrigal Singers, flutist Antonio Maigue and tenor Ramon Acoymo.

Pop stardom beckons. But like most of the things in Misalucha's life, "*hindi ako ang lumalapit, dumadating na lang*. (Things come to me, I don't seek them out.)"

"*Simple lang ang mga* wants and needs and hopes and dreams *ko*," she says. "Very, very simple. I wanted to marry at an early age and have kids that I could grow up with."

So everything else that comes, pop stardom included, is a bonus for the proud mother of two daughters, aged 10 and 8. Lani is the middle sister in the talented Bayot brood: *Ate* May is a theater artist and youngest sister Karlyn is a violinist and commercial model. Everyone in the family sang or played an instrument, but a musical career wasn't exactly what the Misalucha elders had in mind for their children.

"Our parents instilled in our minds that you can only marry after you finish your studies and get a good job," she recalls. With that in mind, Misalucha enrolled in a business management course.

"I didn't know if I would start a small business or be an office worker. But I found myself singing in a music lounge during my fourth year. After class, I would run to the Manila Hotel. I found myself singing three-four nights a week, three 45-minute sets a night, and being paid just P300."

When the hotel management took note of her talent and raised her fee to P500, Misalucha quit school. While holding down a gig as backup vocalist for Bodjie's Law of Gravity, Misalucha discovered a profitable sideline, recording vocals for "multiplex" tapes. These forerunners of the karaoke featured a backing track and a lead vocal that you could tune down for use as a minus one.

"I can't even remember the first one that I did," recalls Misalucha. "I did a Whitney Houston song, and I sang the vocal like Whitney. Then I did a Barbra Streisand song. *Eh kaya ko rin ang* Barbra… soon word of mouth spread. *Binigyan nila ako ng* Toni Braxton, Mariah Carey – *lahat sila kaya ko*."

Her uncanny ability to mimic the original vocalists earned Misalucha the sobriquet "Multiplex Queen" – and the princely sum of P500 per recording (plus P75 for backing vocals).

Even then, Misalucha had to be pushed and prodded by family and friends before she considered a solo singing career. It took a lot of convincing before she recorded her first album. The reception was lukewarm, although a remake of the '70s chestnut "Somebody Warm Like Me" gained some attention. Her second album "All Heart" was more of a breakthrough. A remake of Dusty Springfield's "You Don't Have To Say You Love Me" – an old Pilita Corrales concert staple – made even more people sit up and take notice.

"I've never had a really big hit," she admits. "Somehow people noticed me even without a hit song. I remember Diana Ross saying in a movie that no matter how good an artist is, it's all for nothing if she doesn't have a big hit. I believe that. I hope it will come for me. But I'm just happy I made it through."

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as the world
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Mahina

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gaya ng sakit na nadarama ko.

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nang higit pa sa hapding
nadarama niya
sa mga sugat na nakabalatay
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Ten Years Extended Protection for FREE!

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YEAR	PLAN 500	PLAN 1000	PLAN 2000	PLAN 3000
1	P500	P1,000	P2,000	P3,000
2	550	1,100	2,200	3,300
3	600	1,200	2,400	3,600
4	650	1,300	2,600	3,900
5	700	1,400	2,800	4,200
6 to 20	750	1,500	3,000	4,500

DAILY DREAD DISEASE BENEFIT

YEAR	PLAN 500	PLAN 1000	PLAN 2000	PLAN 3000
1	P1,000	P2,000	P4,000	P6,000
2	1,100	2,200	4,400	6,600
3	1,200	2,400	4,800	7,200
4	1,300	2,600	5,200	7,800
5	1,400	2,800	5,600	8,400
6 to 20	1,500	3,000	6,000	9,000

DAILY INTENSIVE CARE UNIT BENEFIT (ADDITIONAL)

YEAR	PLAN 500	PLAN 1000	PLAN 2000	PLAN 3000
1	P500	P1,000	P2,000	P3,000
2	550	1,100	2,200	3,300
3	600	1,200	2,400	3,600
4	650	1,300	2,600	3,900
5	700	1,400	2,800	4,200
6 to 20	750	1,500	3,000	4,500

CONVALESCENCE BENEFIT

YEAR	PLAN 500	PLAN 1000	PLAN 2000	PLAN 3000
1	P10,000	P20,000	P40,000	P60,000
2	11,000	22,000	44,000	66,000
3	12,000	24,000	48,000	72,000
4	13,000	26,000	52,000	78,000
5	14,000	28,000	56,000	84,000
6 to 20	15,000	30,000	60,000	90,000

MAXIMUM SURGICAL BENEFIT

YEAR	PLAN 500	PLAN 1000	PLAN 2000	PLAN 3000
1	P10,000	P20,000	P40,000	P60,000
2	11,000	22,000	44,000	66,000
3	13,000	24,000	48,000	72,000
4	13,000	26,000	52,000	78,000
5	14,000	28,000	56,000	84,000
6 to 20	15,000	30,000	60,000	90,000

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AGE	PLAN 500	PLAN 1000	PLAN 2000	PLAN 3000
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30-34	116.95	232.95	464.95	696.95
35-39	143.95	287.95	574.95	862.95
40-44	179.95	358.95	717.95	1,076.95
45-49	223.95	447.95	894.95	1,342.95
50	278.95	557.95	1,115.95	1,673.95

YOURSELF & YOUR SPOUSE

AGE	PLAN 500	PLAN 1000	PLAN 2000	PLAN 3000
20-29	169.95	339.95	679.95	1,019.95
30-34	232.95	464.95	928.95	1,393.95
35-39	287.95	574.95	1,149.95	1,724.95
40-44	358.95	717.95	1,435.95	2,153.95
45-49	447.95	894.95	1,789.95	2,684.95
50	557.95	1,115.95	2,231.95	3,346.95

YOURSELF, YOUR SPOUSE & ALL CHILDREN

AGE	PLAN 500	PLAN 1000	PLAN 2000	PLAN 3000
20-29	239.95	478.95	957.95	1,436.95
30-34	341.95	682.95	1,365.95	2,047.95
35-39	423.95	847.95	1,694.95	2,541.95
40-44	497.95	995.95	1,991.95	2,987.95
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4. Simply detach and mail form. SEND NO MONEY.
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Address ______________________

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Date of Birth ______________ Place of Birth ______________

Age ________ ☐ Male ☐ Female Height ________ Weight ________

Occupation/Profession ______________________

Company ______________________ Tel. No. ____________

Please check the Plan you require:

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Indicate the persons to be insured:

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(Fill up if you wish to enroll your family - Use separate sheet if necessary)

	NAME	BIRTHDAY
SPOUSE		
CHILDREN aged 3 months to 19 years old		

Applicant's Signature ✓ ______________________ Date ____________

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by John L. Silva

Cruising the Pacific

It was the food on board that would be a child's delight. Every imaginable flavor of pie, cake, ice cream, and baked cookie piled around a large carved ice sculpture was for the eating. We reached Manila a few pounds heavier and the liner a few tons lighter

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My parents, sisters and I boarded this huge liner in Honolulu with all the pomp and pageantry of departure. Ticker tapes and confetti flung across the liner's side. Scented handkerchiefs of various colors waving as cameras clicked away. An Ilocano band wearing bright flowered shirts strummed their ukulele while beautiful grass-skirted women swayed their hips and blew kisses from the pier to the misty eyed passengers above. Our ship unlatched from its moorings and headed for a last glimpse of Waikiki Beach and the sharp-beaked Diamond Head until they were out of sight.

My sisters and I had bunk beds in our bedroom while our parents had a huge bed in an adjoining room. For the first few days, the ship's rocking on the vast Pacific made me terribly seasick. My only comfort was to sneak into my parents' bed and cling to my mom who thoroughly enjoyed babying her son once more.

It was a 21-day voyage to Yokohama and Manila, a route a 747 could cover in 12 hours these days. But my parents weren't in a hurry to get home and my sisters and I had a whole ship to discover. There were the various decks to run up and down to, the ship's store stocked with comics and candy, the library, the shuffleboard games, and the endless array of passengers speaking different languages and bound for all parts of the Far East. My older sister and I took a shine to two cute American brothers headed with their parents to Manila. The two boys were curious about their new home and pumped us with questions. We realized we could lord it over them by telling the most frightening ghosts stories from Negros. For an ice cream cone or a kiss on the cheek, or both, we whispered the secret incantations to protect them from any harm.

In the middle of the Pacific, one lazy afternoon, I saw my first big whale. It was a distance away from the ship but there it was in all its gray glory, its spout blowing water, one eye looking directly in my direction. It followed the ship for an hour, disappearing as dusk approached.

When we stopped in Yokohama, I pleaded with mom to take me to a toy store. We boarded a cab and headed downtown with mom desperately explaining to the driver where we wanted to go. I started motioning to the driver to take a left, then another left, then a right and another left with mom quizzically looking on. We stopped in front of a department store and I proceeded to lead mom to an elevator seemingly knowing its location, and pressed the right floor button. When the door opened, we were in the toy section. Many years after, mom swore that I must have been Japanese in a past life.

It was the food on board that would be a child's delight. My parents would exact the minimum consumption of soup, salad, and a half-finished entrée from us. But the dessert table was the only acceptable food of choice. Every imaginable flavor of pie, cake, ice cream, and baked cookie piled around a large carved ice sculpture was for the eating. On the menu, the dessert offerings took a full page. We tried eating a piece of each. And we could go back for more until our stomach ached in sugary pain.

We reached Manila a few pounds heavier and the liner a few tons lighter. We docked at the South Pier with a gaggle of people waving, lots of people crying for joy, hundreds of uniformed porters waiting and a Filipino band playing "Guantanamera." My sisters and I weren't too eager to leave the ship and the bountiful dessert table in the dining room.

Years later, I snapped up this menu and eventually found a postcard of the Wilson. You have to read the ship's name because there was another APL ship, the President Cleveland, that looked exactly the same.

Open the menu to the dessert page and my weathered taste buds can still recall the Lemon Meringue, the Pineapple Upside Down cake, and the endless ice cream offered to us by our American servant boys.

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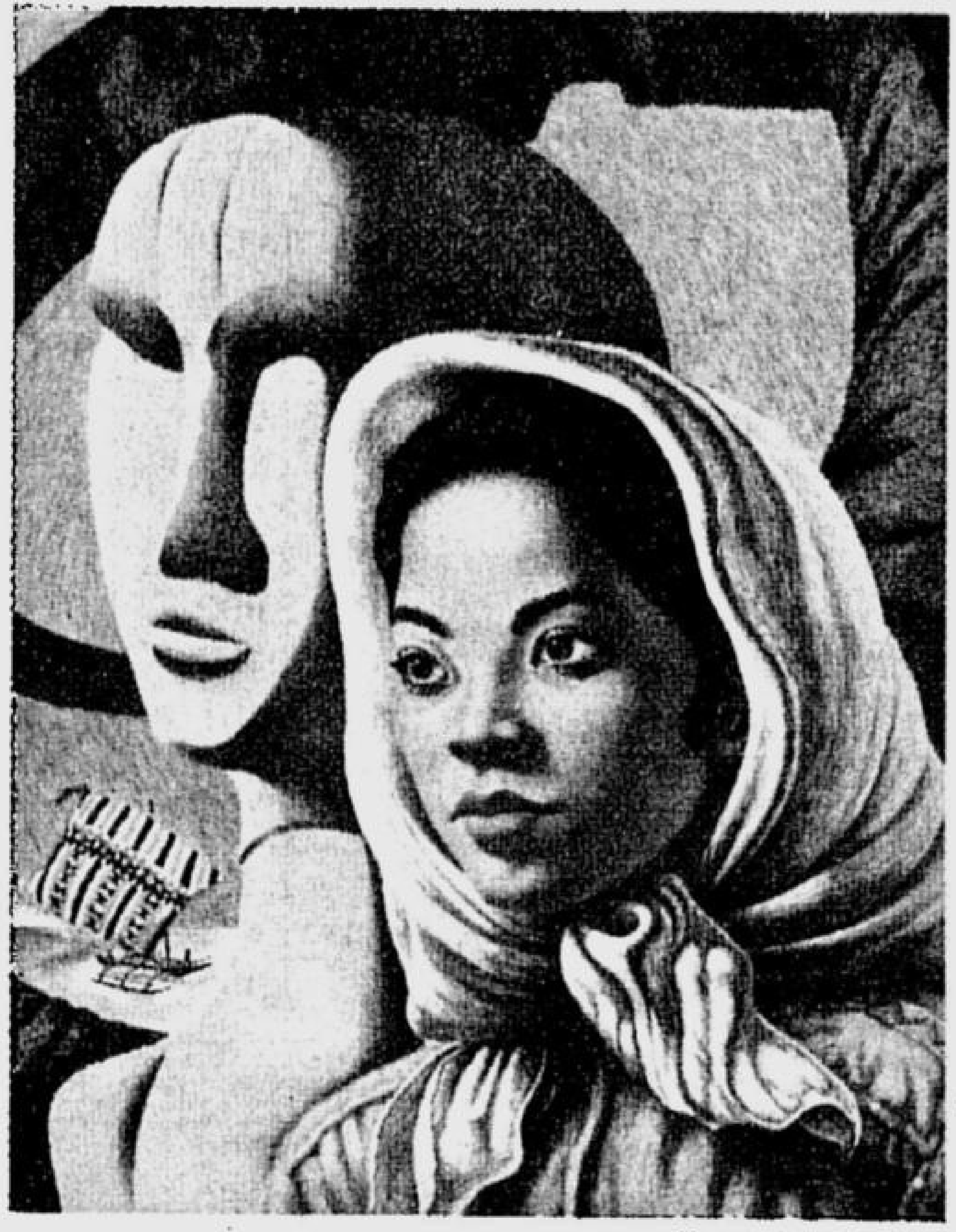
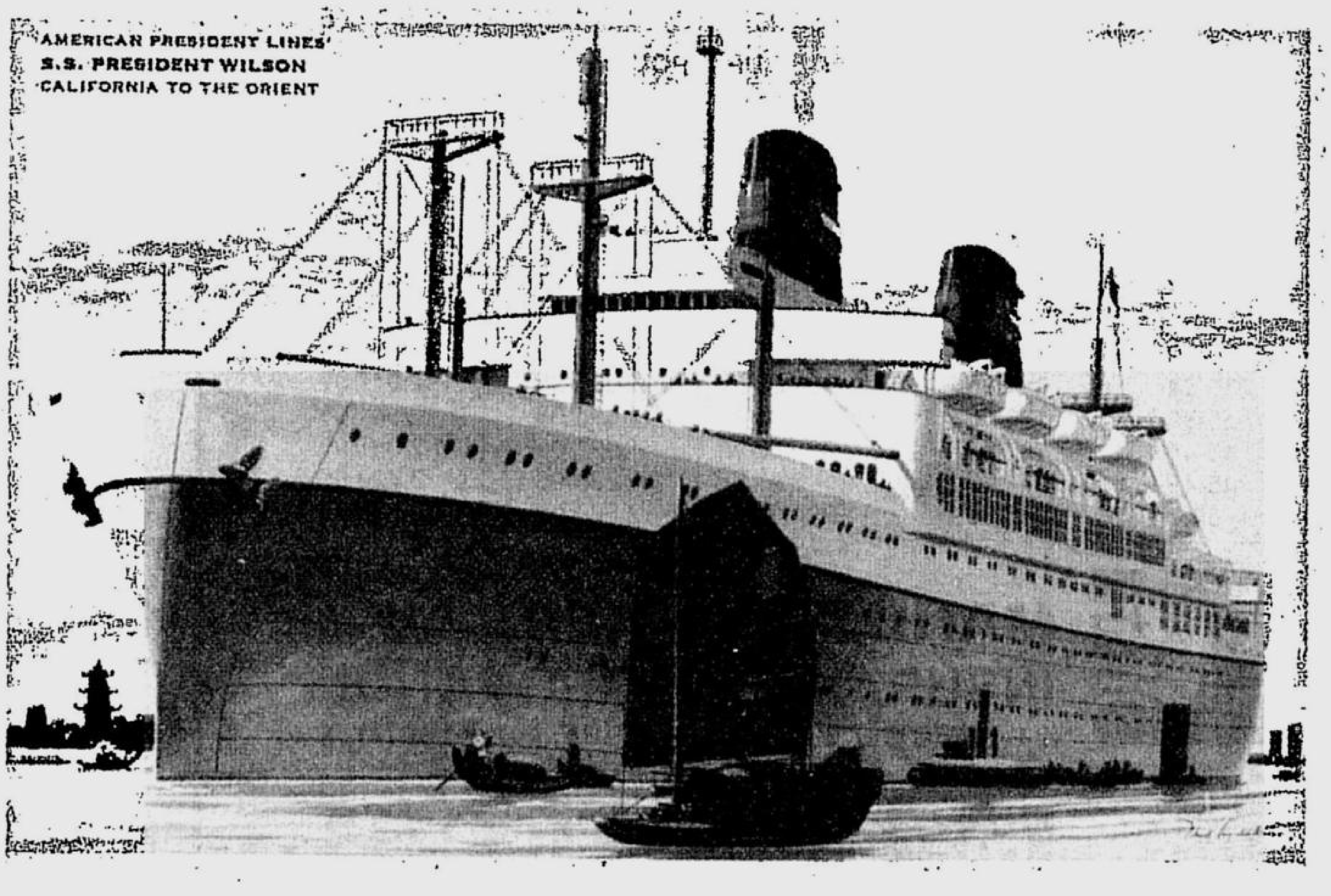


From the American President Line menu



SS President Wilson postcard. John L. Silva collection

THE WRITER'S...from page 7

had fond memories of Vicente Albano Pacis, Quirino's press secretary. "We were on opposite sides (in the pre-war years). He was with Herald, which was pro-Quezon and I was with Tribune. The two newspapers were always battling it out, but it was mild compared to what we have now with the (Ping) Lacson controversy." Newsmen of his day kept politicians at bay. "You paid for your own coffee," he adds, recalling how one newsman who allowed a local politician to pick the tab, found himself shunned by colleagues.

Malay as beat reporter covered the courts, and after the war, the Senate. He remembers most the trial in Manila of Tomoyuki Yamashita, last commander of Japanese forces in the Philippines. He eventually wrote a book about the one-month trial that ended with Yamashita's conviction and hanging for wartime atrocities against Filipino soldiers and civilians.

In the '50s, as a deskman with The Times, Malay met an upcoming star reporter and future senator, Benigno Aquino Jr. He recalls having collaborated with Aquino on some stories about the Hukbalahap rebellion, witnessing how soldiers routinely delivered kicks on slain civilians tagged as Huks. "I can never forget the thuds," he adds, referring to the sound of combat boots hitting stiff bodies. In the early '60, he would leave active journalism to teach at UP. He retired in the early '70s and donated his papers and collection of vintage photos to UP in 1991. He looks forward to receiving his P100,000 prize for Distinguished Leadership in Journalism from Metrobank Foundation so "I can donate it too to UP."

Malay continues to keep a keen interest in journalism. He laments that in certain broadsheets today, terms that were "unprintable" in his time have become almost common fare, with four-letter words invading even the editorial pages. And how stories are run with cursory checks on facts! The press in his day was admittedly different, he says, adding that he had always impressed upon his students that journalism is also a profession like medicine or Law, except that one needs no license to practise it.

But the journalist must abide by a code of ethics and contend with the libel laws, Malay notes. Ethics was something he was passionate about, making sure it was applied even in the classroom. Once during an exam in one of his classes, he noticed a student asking questions from the next examinee. He berated both.

Ethics these days, he observes, has become loose. He admits it can evolve with the times. In 1938 as a young reporter, he and a colleague had peppered with questions an American sailor mugged in Manila's waterfront, as he writhed in pain in a hospital ward. Years later, he would talk about the experience. "Was it justified?" he asked our class in ethics. "What is the limit to the incursion of the press into the realm of private grief," he would write in 1959. "Relief from this ethical problem rests on publishers themselves—they can have papers that will ride roughshod on every human right, or they can have papers that dignify the human spirit."

Such concerns spilled over to Malay's private life during the martial law years when he served as president of Selda and Kapatid, groups that espoused the rights and welfare of political detainees and victims of civil strife. The chronicler of events has seen freedom lost in World War II, regained, lost anew under Marcos and restored. "I believe in freedom of the press," Malay says fervently, "But I believe that freedom must not be abused."

Pinoy NGA!

by Jess Abrera

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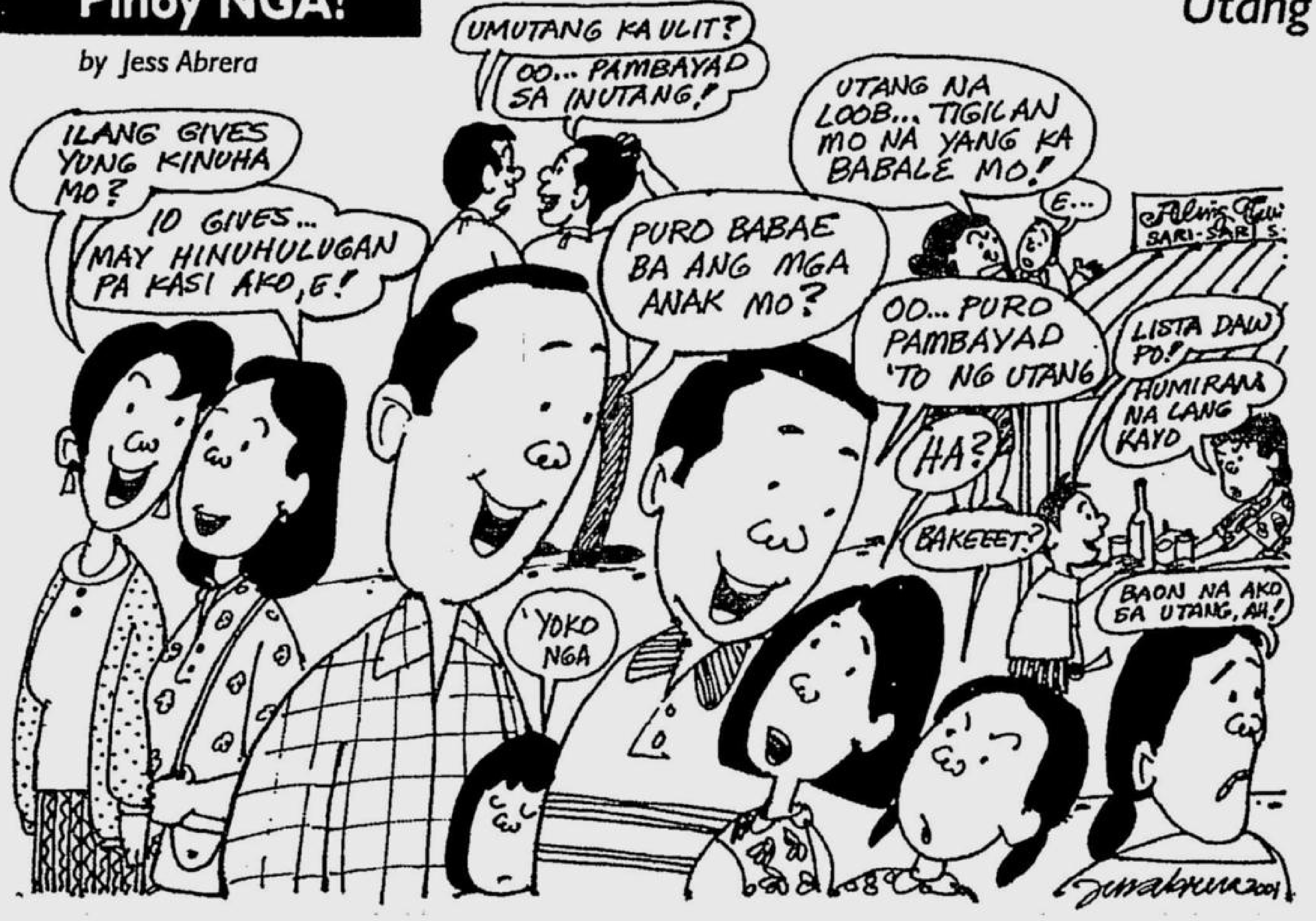
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Jess Abrera 2001

This Week

Art

Melissa, recent works in watercolor, pastel and pencil by Melissa Golangco Favis, from Oct. 18 to Nov. 3 at Flute Wine Bar, G/F, Plaza Royale Bldg., 120 LP Leviste St., Salcedo Village, Makati.

Ursula Woerner Jewelry, an exhibit of delightful jewelry at the Galleria Duemila, 4/L, SM Megamall Bldg. A until Oct. 17.

Totems, an exhibit of kaleidoscopic collage by Canadian artist Neil Lees at the Enterprise Center Main Lobby, Ayala Avenue, Makati until Oct. 18.

New Architecture in Berlin, an exhibit and slide show of architectural and urban renewal in Berlin after the fall of the wall in October 1989, until Oct. 21 at the 1st Level of Shangri-La Plaza Mall.

Lugar, an exhibit featuring aquarelles of Filipino heritage places by Ferdinand R. Doctolero as featured in the book "*Lugar*: Essays in Philippine Heritage and Architecture" by Augusto Villalon. Until Oct. 22 at the Art Café of the Hotel Inter-Continental Manila.

Variations on a Theme of Light, 24 abstract paintings in oil on canvas and acrylic on handmade paper by Edgar T. Fernandez at the Hiraya Gallery, UN Avenue, Manila until Oct. 20.

Music

X-static, a concert celebrating the Unicef youth month featuring Gary Valenciano, Lani Misalucha, Carol Banawa, Aiza Seguerra and Karylle, Oct. 19 at the Araneta Coliseum. Tickets are available at the Marylouise Ticketing Office (840-3745), SM Ticketnet outlets and at the Araneta Ticketnet.

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GMA Foundation recently launched its Christmas project **Give a Gift:** ***Alay sa Batang Pinoy* 2001** for underprivileged children nationwide. Everyone is invited to help by donating toys, clothes, educational items and health care products for kids 12 and below. For inquiries, call 928-5087, 928-7021 loc. 437/438 or email wecare@gmanetwork.com.

Gabayan sa Kabuhayan ni Ka Gerry Geronimo kicks off with a seminar **Ham for the Holidays**, a short course on making different kinds of Christmas ham on Oct. 21 at the multi-purpose hall of SM South Mall. For registration, call 825-7454 and 825-6564.

UST's The Varsitarian will hold **Inkblots 2001**, a three-day journalism fellowship consisting of lectures and workshops on news writing, sports writing, feature writing, literary journalism, lifestyle and culture writing, entertainment writing, investigative reporting, Filipino journalism and campus paper management on Oct. 22-24 at the UST Medicine Cinematorium. For details, call 731-3101 loc. 8235.

Outdoor Sports Show 2001, an outdoor sports and travel adventure exhibition at the Megatrade Hall of SM Megamall B, Mandaluyong City from Oct. 18-21.

P100 creative writing workshop from Pinoywriters.com and Goodwill Bookstore: Flash Fiction, Oct. 20, 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. For details, call Roland at 752-2737 or e-mail roland@electromedia.ph.

X-manila

The folk band Asin is going on a Mindanao **peace concert tour:** Midsayap, North Cotabato (Oct. 19), Davao City (Oct. 20), Butuan City (Oct. 27). Email asin2minda@yahoo.com or mobile 09196384048 or 09196031445 for details.

Ibalon Festival features Lou Bonnevie and a special guest band in a street party concert at Quezon Avenue, Legazpi City, Albay. For details, call (052) 480-0071 to 72.

The Agriculture and Natural Resources Librarians Association of the Philippines will hold a seminar-workshop on **Trends in Knowledge Management and Dissemination** on Oct. 22-24 at the Venus Park View Hotel, Baguio City. For inquiries, call (02) 845-0563 loc. 663, (049) 536-2326 or (044) 456-0285 loc. 224.

The Samahang Pisika ng Visayas at Mindanao (SPVM) will hold its annual **Physics Workshop** at the Ateneo de Zamboanga University, Zamboanga City on Oct. 23-25, 2001. For inquiries, email bacala@msuiit.msuiit.edu.ph, or call/fax (063) 221-4068.

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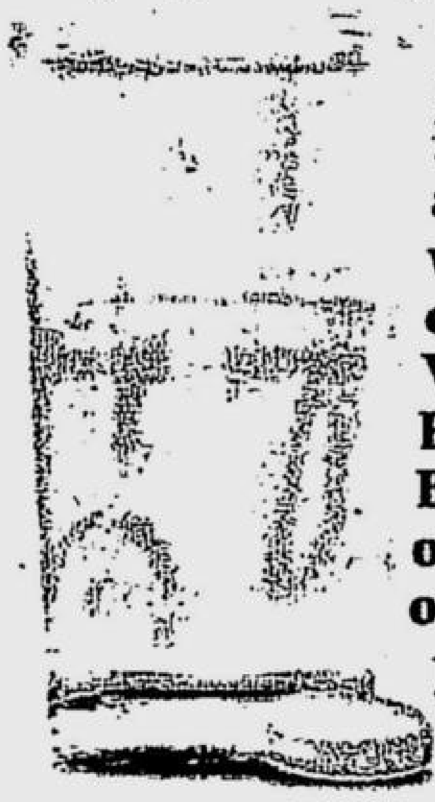

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